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Campaign on 'dangers of Labour'

# Tories change battle plan for election

By Philip Webster, political editor

THE Conservative Party yes terday executed a radical shift in its general election strategy by drawing up a new battle plan which recognises for the first time that Tony Blair has changed the Labour Party.

The Cabinet approved a farreaching new campaign plan, drawn up by policy, organis-ation and advertising chiefs. which effectively scraps all previous strategies for attack-ing the Labour leader.

The move came as party sources admitted that previous attacks on Mr Blair had 'failed to land punches".

Instead, in the remaining II months before a general election - John Major told Cabinet colleagues that he intended to "go the distance" until next May - the Conservarives will accept that Mr Blair has changed Labour but say that the policies he has encouraged it to adopt are a

menace to Britain. Around half of the party's advertising budget, believed to be about ElO million, is expected to be devoted to its new line of attack on Labour which will carry the slogan: "New Lab-

our, New Dangers". More than £2 million will be spent on a poster campaign highlighting different dangers" during the months of July, August and September, according to a leaked schedule

The campaign will emphasise that the policies pushed through by Mr Blair - notably on the constitution. signing up to the Social Chapter of the Maastricht treaty, the minimum wage, education and Europe - are more threatening than those advanced by the party in 1987

The other half of the budget will go on the recently launched campaign under the "It hurt, but it worked" slogan. Yesterday's high-risk decision to accept that Mr Blair has created a new Labour Party follows what officials



Mawhinney: supported by advertising gurus

admitted had been the fallure of earlier approaches.

It has been pushed through by Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, against the misgivings of some party elders who would have preferred to go on campaigning on the claim that Mr Blair was still the mask for old-style

But Mr Mawhinney, drawing on a paper by Danny Finkelstein, the director of the Tory research department, and the support of the party's three advertising gurus, Mau-rice Saatchi, Sir Tim Bell and Peter Gummer, won strong backing for the new approach.

At least four previous lines of attack have been set aside. The claim that Mr Blair is merely stealing Tory clothes has been dropped, according to party sources, because it was not threatening and was precisely what Mr Blair wanted them to say. The allegation that Labour has no policies

was felt to be equally weak. The claim that Mr Blair had changed but Labour had not could no longer be sustained because of the success of the Labour leader's campaign to change Clause Four, a move which proved that he and his party were moving in roughly

the same direction. Finally the claim that Labour always produced bad government was rejected because

40 per cent of the electorate would have no recollection of the last Labour government. The Cabinet's change of

stance was revealed with astonishing frankness by party officials. A senior party source said that it was "a recognition that we have been using a number of attack strategies in the past that have not landed punches".

The campaign will be launched today at a press conference by Mr Mawhinney and Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, and later this week there will be posters carrying the message across the country.

Although there was no formal discussion of election timing at yesterday's meeting. Mr Major said it was still his intention to wait until May next year. He reinforced the need for the Cabinet to unite behind the new strategy "so that we are all singing from the same hymn sheet".

Mr Mawhinney will lead the attack on Mr Blair's "stakeholder economy" proposals. The Tories will also criticise Labour's plans to shake up GP fundholding and scrap thousands of NHS man-

agers' jobs to save cash as risky for patients.

John Prescott, the deputy Labour leader, said: "The Tories simply cannot come to terms with the fact that under Tony Blair's leadership the Labour Party is addressing the concerns of the people of Britain. By my reckoning this is John Major's twenty-fifth relaunch and it merely confirms the disarray they are in.
"When they launched their

last poster campaign we said they were making dodgy claims funded by dodgy money. They still have not explained where their money is coming from. They have clearly found more dodgy money, and there will be more dodgy claims to come."



# The Briton's fans cheer him into the quarter-finals

# Henman sweeps into last eight

TIM HENMAN became the court 14 yesterday, was defirst British man to win a place in the Wimbledon quarter finals in 23 years after beating Sweden's Magnus Gustafsson in a thrilling Centre Court showdown last night. Despite rain interrupting play twice, he maintained his winning form to beat the unseeded 29 year-old 7-6, 6-4, 7-6.

Now in the final eight, he follows Roger Taylor who was the last Briton to get so far — defeating Bjorn Borg in the boycott year of 1973. Taylor, now competing in Wimbledon's over-45s doubles, then fell to the eventual champion, the Czech Jan Kodes.

Ranked 62 in the world against Gustaffson's 37, Henman will probably play the American No 13 seed, Todd Martin tomorrow if Martin beats another Their match, scheduled for

layed by the rain and will resume today.
Henman, 21, who last year found fame of a less agreeable

nature when he was fined nearly £2,000 and disquali-fied for hitting a ballgirl after smashing a ball in temper. now carries the nation's hopes for a new tennis hero. It is 60 years since the last British man won the title - Fred Perry in 1936 - and the last British man to reach the final was Bunny Austin in 1938.

The Oxford solicitor's son catapulted into the limelight and won an army of fans last week with his victory, in his Centre Court debut, over the No 5 seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov. He then beat fellow Britons Danny Sapsford and Luke Milligan.

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# EU memo shows 'plan of silence' on BSE

By CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS AND ANDREW PIERCE

THE European Commission issued embarrassed denials yesterday after the emergence of a six-year-old memorandum which reports an alleged decision by European veteri-nary officials to play down the BSE epidemic through a campaign of "disinformation".

Tory MPs reacted with anger and amazement and some

said they planned to table questions in the Commons. In the document, reproduced by the French Journal du Dimanche, an unidentified Commission official summarises a meeting at which the EU Standing Veterinary Committee is alleged to have concluded that "it is necessary to minimise the BSE affair by using disinformation."

The note also claims that the Commission's representative on the committee had called for BSE to be taken off future agendas "in order not to provoke unfavourable reactions by the market." A call was also said to have been made to Britain to stop publishing the results of its BSE research. The committee, made up of the veterinary chiefs of the member states, is the body which voted in the beef ban and must approve its

eventual lifting.
Bill Cash, the Tory MP
whose Referendum Bill was supported by 78 colleagues last month, said: "This demonstrates the irresponsibly hypocrisy of the very people who have now caused so much trouble to the British farmer. It is important that the memorandum is thoroughly investigated and a full report laid

before Parliament." Sir Teddy Taylor, a former whipless rebel, said: "This ... was designed to put the BSE problem under the carpet even though it has cost lives."

Sir Paul Marland, chairman of the Tory backbench agriculture committee, said: "The French ... have done exactly what this report recommended. While we have been the honest broker throughout ... the French have covered it up. The Agriculture Commissioner instead of pointing his finger at us should start examining what

is going on in his own backyard." The Commission said it had been unable to trace the document, but it said that the published version conveyed a

alse account of EU policy on BSE in 1990 and now. "Everything in this note is contradicted by events," said Gerry Kiely, spokesman for Franz Fischler, the Agriculture Commissioner. He suggested that it may have been drafted by a junior official who had misunderstood or had been misinformed about the meeting in October 1990.

A spokesman for Jacques Santer, the Commission President, promised an investigation into the note.

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# US helicopter crash kills two Britons

Two Britons have died in a belicopter crash in Florida. James Palfrey, from Plymouth, was killed instantly when the helicopter hit the ground

near Orlando. The pilot, Malcolm Tim-mins, who formerly lived in Plymouth but had moved to Florida, crawled alive from the wreckage but died five minutes later in the arms of a farmer.



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# QC flies to defend Falklands fish zone

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

Sandwich Island.

bound by the Antarctic fisher-

ies convention, under which

UK coastal state powers do not

they cannot rely on the con-

vention as an international

treaty in municipal criminal

proceedings. Mr Parker said:

They are arguing that the

convention applies, and under

it, we don't have sovereignty."

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But Britain will argue that

extend to the two islands.

THE Government is sending a senior lawyer to the Falkland Islands today to prosecute a Chilean shipowner for fishing in British waters. The case against the owners

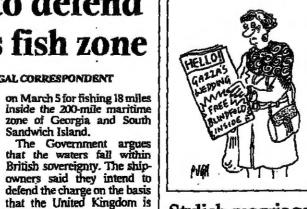
of Antonio Lorenzo, a Chileanflagged fishing vessel, is being seen as a challenge to British overeignty in the Falklands. Usually ships caught fish-

ing there are prosecuted by local lawyers. But this time the shipowners are defending the charges and Kenneth Parker. QC, has been instructed to conduct the prosecution for the Government.

Mr Parker said yesterday that it was the first time that a ship caught fishing illegally had raised the question of sovereignty over the waters. "It is very significant. If the shipowners' defence is right, and we cannot put fishing conservation measures in these waters because we have no sovereignty — it would be a strange backdoor victory over the Falkland Islands." The case will be heard in

Port Stanley on Friday. The

Antonio Lorenzo was arrested



# Stylish marriage

In a ceremony that owed more to Hollywood than to Hertfordshire, the England football star Paul Gascoigne married his girlfriend Sheryl Failes yesterday with characteristic glitz, bolstered by a £150,000 contract with Hello! magazine..... Leading article, page 17

Casket plea

Art groups last night called on Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, to use her powers of intervention to save the Thomas à Becket casket for the nation. The casket will be auctioned this week at .....Page 2 Letters, page 17

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# Conductors hurt in 'ambush' on train By Lin Jenkins

THREE youths ambushed a train and tried to force schoolchildren to hand over their pocket money and belongings before being involved in a violent scuffle with rail staff.

Two conductors were treated in hospital for their injuries after confronting the teenagers. The 16.20 school special from Bedford Midland to Bletchley was forced to stop shortly after leaving Bedford

St John, the first stop on the 18-

mile journey, when the youths

were spotted clinging to the outside of carriages. Once on board, the youths intimidated the passengers and tried to rob them before the conductors intervened. The train especially carries two conductors to look after the 120 pupils from fee-paying schools in Bedford.

When the conductors tried to arrest the youths, they fled across a field, but were pursued and caught. Three youths were last night in the custody of Bedfordshire police and being interviewed by British Transport police. Inspector Paul Wilson of

British Transport Police said: There was some sort of assault after the youths boarded the train, and two people are being treated for minor injuries."

One of the conductors is thought to have a broken nose and was last night being treated at Southwing Hospital, Bedford. Dennis Lovett, spokesman

for North London Railways, a BR company being offered for franchise, said that the line involved was "a very rural piece of railway, but we run services in cities as well, and this is the first incident of this type we have ever come across", adding: "We obviously take it very seriously and are concerned for our crews and our customers. We will be assisting the police and other agencies in any way we can to make sure the culprits are punished."

On June 22, an empty Ramsgate to Victoria train was ambushed at Swanley, Kent, and pelted with stones in what was described at the time as a Wild West-style attack.

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# Law of jungle as MPs indulge in monkey business

Paul Flynn (Lab, Newport W) staged not one but multiple arrivals in the Chamber yesterday. It was he who, hours earlier, had described the policies of his leader, Tony Blair, as "timid

His arrivals triggered strange and ambiguous body language in colleagues, some (I am told) shifting uneasily, faces twitching, others at-tempting frightened little pats to his shoulder or half-snuggles-up in his direction. Anthropologists studying

idden from this boons would note this tangle sketchwriter's view, of admiration and anxiety. concluding that we were witnessing tentative, early approaches to a junior ape who had dared challenge an unpopular but feared senior.

The small primate drama was played out against the background of Virginia Bottomley answering Heritage Questions. The apes were fawning on (or teasing) an influential lady baboon.

Among baboons an esteemed and beautiful female knows she is attractive to the troop and signals this in all



MATTHEW PARRIS POLITICAL SKETCH

poise and may indulge — for display only — in the faintest hints of coquettish behaviour. Even if she is in a permanent partnership with another baboon (in this case, Mr Peter Bottomley) she can be playful towards rival males.

Roger Gale (C, N Thanet) was sure the Heritage Secretary could help promote tourism in Kent. It would have kinds of small ways. She been inappropriate for Mrs develops a self-confidence and Bottomley to lollop across to

family. His son Euan is an

Under current church prac-

tice, only Catholics in a state of

grace are allowed to receive the host, which they believe to be the body of Jesus Christ.

Exceptions are made at the

marriage ceremony of a Cath-

olic to a non-Catholic, where

no Catholic priest is available.

Non-Catholics who attend

Catholic Mass can be invited

to receive a blessing.

altar server.

Mr Gale's bench and pick fleas from his thinning hair. so she flashed him a smile and told him how much everyone loved seaside holidays, espe-cially in Margate. Mr Gale was in raptures. The pair looked ready to scamper off to the beach together with buck-

ets and spades. Tony Banks (Lab, Newham NW), the joker of the baboon pack, his rude capers much admired among apes, would

deally have wished to show his blue bottom. Instead he threw her the rotten fruit of a hostile question, gibbering de-risively. A cross Mrs B gib-

John Cunningham, Shadow Heritage Secretary, is a self-grooming ape who walks tall, Swinging from his seat he asked a would-be one-of-thelads question about "soccer". Dame Peggy Fenner (C, Rochester and Chatham) asked about Chatham.

The dame, a majestic lady ape, is a grandmother now, fur greying, and removed from the daily nutcrack. She is revered by the troop, who take

no notice of what she says. Then Robert Maclennan (Lib Dem. Caithness & Sutherland) rose. This sage but lonely baboon, isolated in his wisdom, quoted Voltaire without attribution. The troop scratched their heads. When you are part of an ape-pack it is no good quoting Voltaire, something Mr Maclennan

will probably never learn. Later, Tam Dalyell (Lab. Linlithgow) spoke, I once read about a rogue baboon who grew morose. He left the troop and sat permanently on a submerged rock in the middle of a lake. Mr Dalyell asked Gary Streeter (the youth fielding inquiries to the Lord Chancellor's Department) whether the trial of the Lockerbie suspects might be carried out in South Africa under the auspices of "Mr

South Africa's Foreign Minister is Mr Nzo. But Ďalyeli's solemnity is too vast for a word of such undignified brevity. With a roll of Tamtam's tongue it became Nzozo. Dalyellyell may be the librettist of Wake me up before you go go. Doubtless Nzo means something noble in Xhosa: buffalo, perhaps. Let us hope Nzozo does not mean buffalo-dropping.

Howe and

Hurd attack

'prejudiced'

approach of

**Euro-sceptics** 

By ANDREW PIERCE POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DOUGLAS HURD and Lord

Howe of Aberavon yesterday

accused Tory Euro-sceptics of

poisoning the atmosphere of

At the launch of a Conserva-

tive Group for Europe pamph-

let by Ray Whitney, of the

Positive European Group of

Tory MPs. the former foreign

secretaries expressed dismay

that the Euro-sceptics had

been allowed to seize the

headlines. Their intervention

came on the day it was reported that Michael How-ard was to argue for the deletion of part of the Maas-

tricht treaty, to repatriate cer-

Mr Hurd warned the Home

Secretary against trying to de-

molish the supra-national parts of the European struc-

ture. "You need supra-nation-

al organisations if you are to

have an effective single market

in which people don't cheat."

Mr Hurd was saddened

that Britain's European part-

ners were "treated as enemies

and conspirators against us.

He supported the Govern-

ment's White Paper on

Europe, but the proposals

were not making much im-

pact in Europe because they

seem to come from a back-

ground of poisonous and prej-

for the exit — which so often

udiced debate".

tain powers from Brussels.

debate on Europe.

# Lords vote for curbs

NEWS IN BRIEF

on asylum seekers

The Government last night narrowly won in the House of Lords a vote to reinstate curbs on welfare benefits to asylum seekers, ruled illegal last month by the Appeal Court

After frantic whipping of its Tory Peers, the Government won an amendment overturning the Appeal
Court ruling by 13 votes. But
they were defeated by Peers
on the issue of giving asylum seekers an extra three days to claim refugee status on arrival in Britain.

Lord Russell, the Liberal Democrat spokesman for so-cial security, said: This still does not make the government proposals acceptable. It just cuts a few bars from the prison windows."

Drummer guilty

A loyalist bandsman was found guilty at Londonderry Magistrates' Court of playing his drum with intent to cause a breach of the peace during last year's Apprentice Boys parade. In the first case of its kind, Steven Frederick Dawson, a 26-year-old joiner from Portadown, Co Armagh, was given a two-year conditional discharge. He is to appeal.

Judicial first

Sheriff Hazel Aronson. QC. will be installed as Scotland's first full-time woman judge in a ceremony in the supreme courts in Edinburgh on July 12 before a bench of male judges. She will be addressed in court as Lady Aronson. Sheriff Aronson, 50. who is married to a dentist, will replace Lord Davidson retiring in the automn.

Victim's baby

Melanje Russell, 23, who was thrown against a traffic bol-lard by the IRA bomb in Manchester two weeks ago. has given birth to a healthy girl. Kay-Leigh Roseanne Russell was delivered by Caesarian section 10 days early on Friday at Fairfield Hospital in Bury. Ms Russell, of Heywood, was badly bruised in the explosion.

Lord Howe said: "It's the Woman gets life curmudgeonly tendency — as though we're always heading

Samantha Powell, 18, who had a gradge against the Worcester Crown Court for deliberately stabbing two officers. She was carrying a knife and an axe. Evicted from her Leominster flat for playing loud music, she wrecked the flat, threw a television into the street and smashed five shop windows.

Judging judges

The training of judges is to be boosted with more funding and greater powers for the Judicial Studies Board. The Lord Chancellor said the Board was being given great er automony in organisation of training, and responsibility for planning and financial control. An ethnicawareness programme has just been completed.

Venables picked

Terry Venables, the outgoing England football coach, is a new entry in International Who's Who, but while there is also room for the Gallagher brothers from Oasis, the Duchess of York is a notable absentee. Richard Fitzwilliams, the editor, said: "We don't think the Duchess

of York has achieved much.

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# **Blair takes Catholic** Communion but denies conversion

By Ruth Gledhill, religion correspondent

TONY BLAIR, a practising Anglican, has received Communion in a Roman Catholic church, fuelling speculation in Catholic circles that he might wish to convert. According to The Universe, a weekly Catholic newspaper, it is an open secret among priests that the Labour leader has received the Communion, even though this is generally barred to non-

Mr Blair's wife, Cherie, is a Catholic and his son Euan has been bought up in the faith. Catholic traditionalists are reluctant to criticise the Labour leader but suggest it is "unwise" for someone in his position to break church rules. Mr Blair's office last night strongly denied any suggestion that he might be on the brink of conversion. A spokes-woman confirmed that he had received Communion at a Catholic church but said he would refrain in future "if it causes a problem for the church". A Downing Street spokesman said no Catholic had yet served as Prime Minister, although there was

# **Labour Party policies** 'timid and anaemic'

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR came under fresh criticism from Labour MPs yesterday for his allegedly dictatorial style of leadership as he prepared to ask the party's ruling body today to endorse his draft election

The leftwinger Paul Flynn unleashed a new broadside, accused the party of producing "timid and anaemic" policies, while another Welsh MP. no constitutional reason why

The Communions are thought to have been at the church of St Joan of Arc in Highbury, north London, where Mr Blair attends Mass regularly with his wife and

pushed ahead with powers to

block troublesome MPs from

Mr Flynn warned the Lab-

our leader that he was not

"omnipotent" and accused

him of behaving in a manner

inconsistent with the leader-

ship of a democratic party. "We are producing (policy)

documents which are timid

and anaemic, that don't rejoice

in the achievements of the Labour Party," he told BBC

Most Protestants do not believe in "transubstantia-tion" — that the substance of the bread and wine are con-verted to the body and blood of Christ during the eucharist. Instead, they believe the bread and wine are merely symbolic. Mgr Thomas Egan, a priest at St Joan of Arc, declined to

comment, saying: "We do not discuss who comes to Mass here, who is married here, who is buried here." According to The Universe, one church official who is aware of the situation, but declined to be named because of its sensitivity, said some priests had turned a blind eye because they did not want to

refuse Communion to a figure of authority. The official said: "I believe there is a huge contradiction in allowing Tony Blair to receive Communion but barring divorced and remarried Catholics. Receiving Communion without be-coming a Catholic is a hell will break loose" if Labour Radio 4's Today programme. cowardly thing to do."



The Princess of Wales leaving the Harbour fitness club in Chelsea yesterday morning on her 35th Prince William, 13, at Kensington Palace

# Rifkind rallies to Portillo's defence

By Andrew Pierce

SENIOR Cabinet ministers rallied to the defence of Michael Portillo yesterday as he warned his critics in the Tory Party against playing politics over the sale of the Armed Forces married quarters.

Malcolm Rifkind. the Foreign Secretary, intervened in the growing controversy for the first time to make clear that he had supported the proposal to sell the estate when Defence Secretary.

Labour signalled that it was prepared to force a Commons vote on the sale by holding an Opposition day debate next week. At least one Tory rebel, Julian Brazier, said he would vote against the Government if there were no significant

concessions. Mr Portillo, angered by reports that John Redwood's supporters have fanned the flames of rebellion to try to damage his leadership prospects, went on the attack. He told MPs not to turn the issue into a clash of personalities. "My only concern is the issue and to get the policy exactly right and I hope everybody else is concerned about the same thing," he told BBC

Radio 4's Today programme. Service families would be given a "suitable" alternative property but he admitted there was no guarantee that they could retain their present homes. "It really is a normal part of service life that people move around," he said.

Leading article, page 17 our interventions."

# Heritage groups urge Bottomley to save Becket casket for the nation

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

openings."

HERITAGE groups urged Virginia Bottomley yesterday to use her powers of intervention to save the Thomas à Becket casket for the nation.

With only days before the 1190s casket comes to auction at Sotheby's medievalists and dergymen are appealing for the Heritage Secretary to delay its possible export. The reliquary, or chasse, bears unparalled Limoges enamelling and depicts Becket's murder. It may have con-tained one of his bones, a fragment of his clothing or a lock of his hair.

Leading art figures pointed out that Mrs Bottomley has the power to intervene, there is no having exercised it. An export licence is not required for an object that has already been out of the country: the casket was in a German collection before it returned to Britain. bought in 1979 by the British Rail Pension Fund, which lent it to the British Museum.

A spokesman for the heritage department said con-firmed that Mrs Bottomley could intervene. The Secretary of State could defer a decision whether or not a licence is needed because the export licencing system is based on the discretion of the Secretary of State," he said. "But the system operates under normal expectations and precedents which the Secretary of State would have

to take into account in considering such a proposition." One source, who said that Mrs Bottomley has been fully briefed on the matter, said: This will not be an easy decision for her, but then a politician is appointed Secretary of State to take difficult decisions. Il's not just a matter of going to gala

The Victoria and Albert Museum's hopes of making a private treaty offer were dashed yesterday as it was unable to raise enough money. A delay would give the museum more time to match the price it fetches at auction on Thursday. It is estimated at £1.5 million but is widely expected to sell for a

far higher sum. It was disclosed yesterday thatthe V&A plans to offer E2.2 million. The heritage lottery fund has promised 75 per cent of that figure and £100,000 has been promised by the National Art Collections Fund (NACF), Britain's biggest art charity.

Campaigners appealed to other possible buyers. David Barrie, director of the NACF, said: "It's extremely frustrating that the private treaty option is now closed to the V& A, and that the chasse is going to auction. All we can hope is that the other interested parties may see the virtue of letting the chasse stay in this country and refrain from bidding."

He added: "The V&A still have some way to go in their fund-raising efforts, and we are doing everything we can to drum up support for their

# Howard appeals against Bulger killers jail ruling

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Home Secretary increased the minimum sentence to be served by the two boys convicted of killing James Bulger because it was an "exceptionally cruel and sadistic" crime, the Appeal Court was told yesterday.

The Home Secretary decided the appropriate term was 15 rather than ten years after studying details of the case and because of the need to maintain public confidence in the criminal justice system.

In his letters to solicitors acting for both boys, Mr Howard said he had taken fully into account the fact that they had both been only ten years old when they killed the toddler. In the letters Mr Howard conceded that a much lesser minimum sen-Letters, page 17 | tence should apply to them

than in the case of an adult. Mr Howard began an appeal against a High Court ruling that he acted unhlawfully in setting a minimum sentence of 15 years for Robert Thompson and Jon Venables, convicted of killing James, aged 2, at Bootle on Merseyside. The trial judge recommended a minimum term of eight years for "retribution and deterrence" which

was increased to ten years by

Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the

former Lord Chief Justice. David Pannick, QC, for the Home Secretary said Mr Howard had had decided to increase the sentence because he took the view that "this was an exceptionally cruel and sadistic offence against a very young and defenceless victim committed over a period of several hours". He said the the

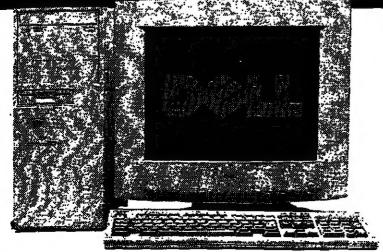
lower court had erred in law in ruling that Mr Howard had acted unlawfully in increasing the minimum term.

It had failed to recognise that Parliament had deliberately given a broad discretion to the Home Secretary to decide on policies for the release of young offenders convicted of murder.

"Parliament deliberately so decided because it thought that the Home Secretary, answerable to Parliament, answerable to the electorate, is the appropriate person to decide what will best promote public confidence in the administration of the criminal justice system," Mr Pannick told the judges, headed by Lord Justice Woolf, Master of

the Rolls. The hearing continues.

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Bride wore peach tulle, the groom and their four-month-old son Regan knee-length frock coats

# Gascoigne puts on Hello! style for match of the day

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HE COULD certainly afford the carriage - nine stretch limousines, to be precise - but whether Paul Gascoigne's wealth hought him a stylish marriage was open to debate.

In a ceremony that was more Hollywood than Hertfordshire, the England football star married his girlfriend Sheryl Failes yesterday with characteristic glitz, bolstered by a £150,000 contract with Hello! magazine.

Security alone cost more than £15,000 at the historic Hanbury Manor hotel and country club, near Ware, Thirty-five traffic policemen manned the surrounding roads. Security guards with walkic-talkies patrolled every entrance to the hotel's 200-acre estate, but that did not stup rival photographers circling overhead in helicopters.

Gascoigne, 29, arrived at moon, two hours before the civil ceremony, drinking champagne in the back of a white stretch limo. He lowered the window, raised his glass and grinned at some of the fans who had turned out at the hotel gates, waving a collection of Gazza flags.

Once inside he changed into a knee-length gold embroidered frock coat, designed by Favourbrooks of Piccaduly, to marry Ms Failes, who wore a peach tulk dress featuring a boned hodice with hand-beaded French lace by Isabel Kristensen. The couple's fourmonth-old son Regan wore an





Gascoigne invited many of the England team to the Hanbury Manor hotel and country club, where he and the guests were delivered by a fleet of limousines

outfit identical to his father's. Ms Failes's children from a previous marriage, Bianca Jade, 10, and Mason, 7, acted as bridesmaid and pageboy. Gascoigne, who plays for Glasgow Rangers, had asked the hotel management to obtain a licence for the hotel's own former chapel, which is now a banqueting half. But

current marriage laws forbid

civil weddings in deconsecrat-

ed places of worship, so the couple married instead in the Zodiac suite after Ms Failes had swept dramatically down the grand staircase. All 96 rooms had been pre-

booked by Gascoigne to avoid infiltration by the press, and the wedding party took over the entire hotel for the day. Many of Gascoigne's England team-mates, including David Seaman, Steve

McManaman, Jamie Red-knapp and the former coach Terry Venables, were among the guests. Glasgow Rangers star Ally McCoist, the Middlesbrough manager Bryan Robson and the Sheffield Wednesday player Chris Waddle also attended.

The wedding breakfast, prepared by Rory Kennedy, the executive chef, under the guidance of Albert Roux, was

Poles Hall. Guests are carpaccio of smoked chicken, Scottish salmon and asparagus and mille-feuille with summer berries. The occasion was toasted in vintage champagne,

The best man was not, as xpected. Gascoigne's best friend, Jimmy "Five Bellies" Gardiner, Instead, apparently at the request of Ms Failes, Gascoigne's brother Carl stood by him and the Radio 1 disc jockey and TV presenter, Chris Evans, provided music and commentary for the evening's celebrations.

Evans had revealed earlier, during his Breakfast Show, that the 30-year-old bride had

Sunday night. Instead, he and a few friends, including his mother Carol, enjoyed a few drinks at the nearby Swallow Hotel while watching the final of Euro 96. Gascoigne retired at the uncharacteristically earhour of lam but showed a flash of his errant self by coming down to breakfast

son a 44-piece canteen of silver cutlery and goblets, bought from Gateshead's Metro shopping centre.

requested Unchained Melody by the Righteous Brothers as er dedication to her new husband. Gascoigne chose Have I Told You Lately That I Love You, by Van Morrison, for his new bride. Gascoigne had not played host to a riotous party on

naked except for a small towel. Mrs Gascoigne gave her

Hanbury Manor, a Jacobeleisure club, Sheryl and Paul's intimate wedding ceremony



Edmund and Amy Hanbury, had spent days preparing for the wedding. A press release headed "Match of the Day" stated: "The England soccer star Paul Gascoigne wed his long-term girlfriend Sheryl Failes in a glittering ceremony . . . yesterday. Both members of Hanbury Manor's golf and

took place at 2pm in the hotel's Zodiac suite." The cake and floral display was designed by Stephen Woodhams of

Outside the hotel gates Gascoigne's fans were undaunted hailstones. Tracey Kenny, 33, said her son Ashley attended the same school as Bianca Jade. When Ashley had been

tal Gascoigne had sent a framed signed autograph of himself.

"He's a lovely, lovely man no matter what they write about him," she said. "He's a diamond and I hope him and Sheryi are very happy because he deserves it. People say it won't last but you wait and see, it will."

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# Guests are welcome at 'contract' wedding, but not their cameras

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

THE £150,000 the Gascoignes are reported to have received from Hello! for exclusive pictures of their wedding will amply cover the E100,000 cost of the reception. But it may not compensate the 150 guests who, under the magazine's strict buy-up rules, were unable to photograph the happy couple and had their movements stage managed by the magazine throughout the course of the day.

Contracts for a Hello! wedding or christening are drawn up with military precision, with an eye to

the best exclusive - and they are nearly always exclusive - photo opportunities. Guests may find that their cameras are unwelcome. In the case of yesterday's wedding, hotel staff were even forbidden to release details of the menu.

None of these prickly details is likely to bother Gascoigne, who is ding spreads in her portfolio is no can rest assured that the social barometer of Hellor's payment scheme places him among minor aristocracy and ageing rock stars. In Hellol currency. Gazza is double a Raine Spencer (£70,000 for Bill Wyman and the footballer Pat her wedding album) and half as much again as Marina Mowatt magazine, written up by the inter-

(£)00,000 for the baptism of her children). He even merits double a Rod Stewart, who only received a reported £70,000 when he reaffirmed his wedding vows to the model Rachel Hunter in January. Mandy Smith, the 25-year-old model who, with two Hellol wed-

stranger to the glossy, said the magazine is wary because people so often try to spoil its exclusive agreements. The weddings of Ms Smith to the former Rolling Stone van den Hauwe featured in the national editor, the Marquesa de

"At my wedding to Pat, somebody took pictures during the ceremony, left early and then sold them to the News of the World the same day," she said. "They went into that Sunday's paper. I actually got handed a copy of it, with all the pictures, at the reception that evening Obviously, Hello! weren't very pleased because it meant their nictures weren't exclusive any much stricter now."

The contract is negotiated to secure the best interests of both parties. "I dealt with the marquesa. Basically, she starts by telling you what the magazine wants and you tell them what you want and then you try and work out a happy medium to specify what kind of pictures they will take. For my wedding to Pat, they wanted pictures of me getting ready in the house. Not everyone would want

of negotiation. They don't want to push you, they just want your co-operation," Ms Smith said. The wedding photographer is usually provided by Hello! "Obvi-

ously, they like to use the people

that and it would have to be a point

they know, but I could choose who I wanted as long as they approved it," she added. Over at Heliol, whose parent

company is the Spanish Hola SA, (proprietor Eduardo Sanchez Junco), interviews with the press are as tightly controlled as their own deals. A request for a chat about Hello! buy-ups met with a terse: You'd have to write in with a written request for that. And actually we don't comment on

should know that by now." In return for exposing their intimate moments to the scrutiny

of the 494,000 readers who buy the magazine every week, the Gascoignes can guarantee short para-

graphs of glowing prose.

The thing is, they're not going to be tactless with you either before the event or afterwards, because if they get on with you they'll want to follow things up with the birth of your child and the christening." Ms Smith said.

Indeed, if there's one thing the Hello! team like more than a "At Home With Paul Gascoigne, His Lovely Wife Sheryl And Their Baby Son Regan".

# RAF pilot 'couldn't resist Boy's Own leap from plane'

By MICHAEL EVANS

AN RAF pilot could not resist joining SAS troops in a freefall parachute jump over Zimbabwe, a court martial was told yesterday. He allegedly leapt with them from his Hercules aircraft, leaving his co-pilot to fend for himself.

Flight Licutenant Richard Bywater was accused of breaching RAF rules that the Hercules should carry five crew members at all times. The court martial at RAF Lyneham, Wiltshire, was told that he and three other crew members took turns to jump with SAS troops.

However, when he jumped from the Hercules he left behind a pilot who was not authorised to fly the aircraft on his own. The plane was

carrying eight civilians. Flight Lieutenant Bywater. 34, admitted abandoning the wrongly and claimed he believed he had the authority to

Group Captain Richard Charles, for the prosecution. said Flight Lieutenant Bywater was flying from a rough airstrip about 26 miles north-



Bywater: believed he had authority to jump

west of Harare in June last year. After weeks of watching the SAS practising, the crew could not resist joining them. Group Captain Charles said:
At the end of the exercise, there was a two-hour period of Boy's Own self-indulgence."

There was no mention in the flight plan of accelerated freefall parachuting by the air crew. Nor was there any indication in forms filled in later that any of the crew had left the aircraft. "Flight Lieu-

victims was doing was wrong and covered his tracks," he said.

The court martial was told that Flight Lieutenant Bywater allowed his co-pilot Flight Lieutenant Stephen Mason, the loadmaster Sergeant David Thompson and flight engineer Sergeant Nigel Painter, take turns jumping with the SAS soldiers. He then strapped on his own parachute and joined in a

Group Captain Charles said Flight Lieutenant Bywater denied that his crew were involved when senior officers guestioned him over rumours when he returned home. When interviewed by RAF police, Bywater said he wanted a better understanding of the pressures on special forces. He also claimed that this was an established practice over many years and that he believed his powers of self-authorisation allowed him to carry out these activities."

treefall jump.

Flight Lieutenant Bywater, who has been grounded since the incident, joined the RAF in 1984 and had flown Hercules aircraft since 1987. The court martial continues today.

# Young bride among wadi

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A BRIDE of only eight months was among the five British expatriates who drowned when a flash flood engulied an expedition to a wadi in Oman, it emerged yesterday. Karen Salt, 25, was swept away as her husband James helped to save the lives of four

Eight of the group of 26 were killed when the 600ftdeep gorge flooded on Friday. Mr Salt, from Barnsley, was trapped for 11 hours after trying to rescue his wife.

British expatriates Andy Deller, 34, Bill Love, 28, and Julian Whippey were also killed. The lifth British victim had not been named last night. The British Embassy also named an Irish woman. Geraldine Power, among the dead. Mr Deller and Mr Love, from Glasgow, were helping to secure an injured British woman, Sally Whitemore, 28, to a rock when they were

swept away. Two US airmen, Captain Scott Swanson, of Minnesota, and Senior Airman Zane R. May, of Arkansas, were also killed in the gorge.



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# . Pigeon thief loses battle of Trafalgar Peter Caidweil, for Lidbury,

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A TEENAGER who tried to make money by stealing pigeons from Trafalgar Square was fined £475 yesterday, as a magistrate said the birds were part of London's character.

The court at Bow Street. central London, was told that 19-year-old Jason Lidbury had regarded the birds as vermin and did not think he was doing anything wrong. He was challenged by a pigeon-food seller as he lured the birds into a box for resale to his uncle, who bred racing

Lidbury, unemployed, of Stockwell, south London. admitted six summonses the Wildlife and Countryside Act. He was fined £100 for being in Trafalgar Square on March 5 this year with intent to take wild birds and £75 on

each of five summonses, including possessing wild birds for sale and having wild birds in his control.

Ronald Bartle, the magistrate, said: "It is right to say these pigeons are not any old pigeons but are there to bring character to the area, and are there for the entertainment and amusement of visitors and tourists to London." Andrew Wiles, for the pros-

ecution, said that Bernard Rayner, a licensed pigeonfood seller, saw Lidbury taking birds on a number of occasions. "He saw the man position a box and put food in front of it. When the pigeons brought by the RSPCA under came, he took hold of them and put them in the box. He estimated 40 or so birds would be in the box at one time. He remonstrated with the defendant but the defen-



dant indicated he would not stop. At one stage, Mr Rayner When arrested, Lidbury told police he was taking

were suitable for breeding.

in the box never exceeded 25. His uncle would pay 20p a bird. His view was these animals were vermin. He did not think he was doing any-He had made about £20 from the deals. "He recognises, whatever he thinks of the birds, that they do add character to London and what

said: "Mr Lidbury was seen

on five occasions and, on his

account, the number of birds

Lidbury: lured birds

released some birds." them to his uncle, to see if any

£150 costs and bound over for a year in the sum of £500. After the case, Ian Gough, an RSPCA insplector said: "Pigeons are not vermin. They are a pest species but protected like any other bird. If we lost all the pigeons in Trafal-

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Lidbury was ordered to pay

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# L-drivers face new obstacle as theory test makes debut

By Jonathan Prynn and Kyle Smith

extra burden of a written examination for the first time yesterday. More than 3,500 candidates filed into test centres throughout the country to answer 35 multiple-choice questions on subjects ranging from how to drive over a speed hump to emergency first aid at

The Government said the theory paper, the biggest change to the driving test since it was introduced in 1935, would improve hazard awareness and help to reduce acci-

dents involving young drivers. However, the British School of Motoring condemned the changes as a wasted opportunity and called for interactive used pencil and paper technology to crack a computer-age problem," Richard Glover, the managing director, said.

Many of the candidates emerging from tests said they found the questions surpris-

LEARNER drivers faced the or 20 minutes of the 40 allowed for the tests.

Ama Ampaw, 29, who sat her theory test at Vauxhall. south London, said: "I don't see why I had to do the test. Having the normal driving test and the talk at the end would be sufficient. I think having to pay an extra £15 is outrageous. It's already £28 for the other test."

At a centre in Ilford, northeast London, candidates complained about long delays before being given test dates and resented having to wait five working days before receiving their results.

"Why couldn't they let us know straight away?" Karen Harounoff, 41, said, "My husband has multiple sclerosis so I really need to know how to drive." Mrs Harounoff said she had first applied to six the exam in March, but all places were booked until

Mette Jorgensen, 18, a Dan-

driving licence in England because the process cost about half the £1,000 people typically paid at home.

Few thought they had failed although some confessed to the odd mistake. Olga Gatto, 29, a systems manager at Harrods, said she had wrongly answered a question about green light. "I put that it was an ambulance and of course it is a doctor's car," she said. "I sometimes had difficulty with the meaning of the words because I am Italian," she added.

from a bank of 600 which are published, with the answers, by the Government's Driving Standards Agency in a book costing £9.99. Candidates must correctly answer at least 26 of the 35 questions. A further 8,247 candidates are booked in to take their test

Until January !, learners ish au pair, said she getting a can take the practical test first.

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Learner drivers sitting their theory test at a centre in Vauxhall, south London, yesterday

From then on they will have to entry to the road test.

The papers are published in eight languages in addition to English, ranging from Welsh to Punjabi. Candidates who speak other languages can bring translators with them and candidates with dyslexia or learning difficulties can arrange to have the questions

Norris, the Transport Minister, said the tests were "very safety, he said. deliberately not an IQ test, not an English test and not an A

level. They were simply a reassurance that drivers were familiar with aspects of driving beyond "whether they can control the gears and the

carefully monitored over the next two years to see if they

contributed to improved road

Bernard Herdan, the chief executive of the Driving Standards Agency, said he expected more sophisticated interactive tests using video and CD-Rom technology would replace the written tests within been installed at most of the theory test centres for install-

# Ireland pays silent tribute to slain reporter

By Nicholas Watt, chief ireland correspondent

throughout ireland observed a minute's silence yesterday in memory of Veronica Guerin, the award-winning journalist who was murdered last week. apparently on the orders of Dublin criminals whose activities she had been investigat-

ing for several years. Buses, cars and cyclists came to a halt at Ipm as people expressed their revulsion at the murder of Ms Guerin. who was shot dead in her car on the outskirts of Dublin last

suspended for the tribute. A crowd of people stood still during the minute's silence outside Leinster House, the Irish parliament building in Dublin, where well-wishers have left hundreds of bouquets since Ms Guerin's

tached to the gates, summed up the widespread public anger at the Government's failure to deal with the growing threat from the Dublin underworld. It said simply: "Politi-cians. Your negligence is Veronica's death."

. The minute's silence, which was proposed by the National Union of Journalists in Ireland, was supported by trades

unionists across Britain. The massive show of sympathy for Ms Guerin came as to accept a proposal from

the assets of suspected drugs

TENS of thousands of people dealers. The Fianna Fail Bill would allow courts to accept the word of a senior police officer or a revenue officer that assets had been illegally earned and should be frozen

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for up to five years. Nora Owen, the Justice Minister, said that that the Bill needed re-writing, but she indicated that ministers would accept the Bill in Government

The Government's decision to accept the Bill dampened the intense criticism levelled at ministers by the opposition since the murder of Ms Guerin. The opposition parties have accused the Government of failing to tackle the law-and-order crisis.

They also dismissed as "too little, too late" a series of proposals announced last Friday which included plans to hold a referendum to tighten the bail laws and plans to curtail the right to silence of suspected drugs smugglers.

Dick Spring. Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday underlined the Government's determination to tackle the crime wave. He said: "We have got to make sure we fight fire with fire in relation to the serious threat that exists in this country at the present

Ministers are expected to announce a £45 million anticrime package. This will include the construction of a new more police and the creation of drugs godiathers.

# **Dublin man seeks** to stop last article

By Audrey Magee, Ireland correspondent

A DUBLIN man with a criminal record is seeking an injunction to stop an Irish newspaper publishing the last arti-cle by Veronica Guerin, the journalist who was murdered last week, which portrays him

as a heroin dealer. John Traynor, 48 said he that Mr Traynor was "mixed up" with heroin dealers, or the IRA if the Sunday Independent published the article. Mr Traynor was not in the High Court yesterday but his counsel, Adrian Hardiman, presented an affidavit denying that his client had any involvement in drugs. Mr Traynor had previously been jailed for possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life and for

receiving stolen bonds. He now trades in motor cars. He and Ms Guerin had met frequently since autumn 1994. "If I demurred at her suggestions, or even suggested a

to attend and that she is contemplating some form of publication about me," Mr Traynor said.

According to the affidavit. Ms Guerin contacted him last month to say she was going to write a major story claiming

later meetings she said she was going to write that Mr Traynor was involved in hashish or possibly Ecstasy. It stated that Ms Guerin had said she was under pressure from her editor to write the story.

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Independent Newspapers declined to submit affidavits and its counsel. Eoin Mo-Cullough, said Ms Guerin had not written one. He said that freedom of speech gave the paper the right to publish the article and it would prove the allegations.

Mr Justice Barron reserved judgment until today.



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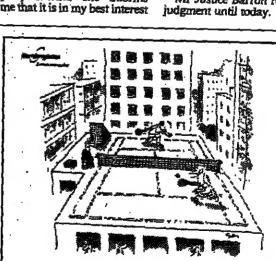
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Doctors 'hid biopsy error from woman dying of cancer'

told the hearing that the

family had been anxious to

know why they had received a

letter saying the lump was entirely benign when it obvi-

It caused his wife more

distress not to know the truth:

He said: "She passed away

without the knowledge there

Mr Clark said he did not

know about the mis-diagnosis

until October 31, 1994, three months after his wife's death,

when he had a meeting with

Mr Simpson and was told "a

tragic human error had been

Mr Clark said no attempt

Miss Foster said: "Had it

not been for his perseverance,

the truth may not have been

hearing continues

told at that stage."

was made by either doctor to inform him or his wife of this

had been an error made.

ously wasn't".

TWO doctors failed to tell a pregnant woman or her famly that she was dying from breast cancer, to cover up the fact that two biopsies had been wrongly diagnosed, the General Medical Council was told vesterday.

Carol Clark, 32 became pregnant after being told the negative. When it was discovered that a mistake had been made, a "unanimous decision" was made not to tell Mrs Clark or her husband so as not to cause any other stress. counsel for the GMC, Rosalind Foster, told the professional conduct committee.

She said: "The actions and words were governed more by fear of a successful claim for compensation than genuine desire to do the right thing by the patient or her family in answering concerns."

Dr James Campbell Ferguson, 59, and Dr Christopher John Simpson, 48, medical director of the South Ayrshire Trust, are accused of serious professional misconduct.

Miss Foster said the truth was kept from the couple not just during the remaining months of Mrs Clark's life, but well after her death. Mr Clark knew his wife was dying of breast cancer but learnt the truth, that the biopsies had proved "highly suspicious". only on October 31, 1994, his wife had died on August 3.

Mr Clark said that his wife had regularly examined her breasts. Her mother and her mother's sister had suffered breast cancer. In June 1993, she noticed discharge from the nipple and a lump on her right

She was referred to Mr Simpson who took a breast biopsy in August. The result said it was not cancer but

degenerative cells. The problem continued and another biopsy was undertak-

en in September 1993. The thereby misleading. Mr Clark lump was found to be benign. In October, Mrs Clark, a mother of two and a part-time auxillary nurse, underwent an ultrasound scan and it was recommended that the lump be incised. But by this time, Mrs Clark was pregnant and it was decided to postpone the incision until after her

pregnancy. However, by the end of January 1994 Mrs Clark was ill with severe back pain. She was admitted to Ayr hospital on February 2, 1994. Miss Foster said a review of the earlier breast biopsies showed a highly suspicious malignancy". Mrs Clark was diag-nosed as having cancer of the

right breast, Miss Foster said a decision was taken by the doctors not to tell the patient or her husband. Mrs Clark subsequently terminated her pregnancy and

died about six months later. Dr Simpson has admitted he met Mr and Mrs Clark on May 17, 1994, and also that he did not disclose to Mrs Clark that the reports of the biopsies had subsequently been found to be incorrect.

He denied that Mrs Clark asked him about the results of the two biopsies.

Dr Ferguson has admitted that he wrote a letter dated October 12, 1994, to Mr Clark, stating: "I understand that the individual biopsies have all been re-looked at again and the pathologist would have felt that the original reports were correct comment, but we can go through that exercise

He has not admitted the other charges: that when he wrote the letter he was aware, or should have been aware. that errors in the reporting of the biopsies had been identified in February 1994 or earlier, and that the content of his letter on October 12 was



Tricia Gunther with Jennifer after she was born to a surrogate mother last year

'Timewarp' twin due after two year delay

By KATE ALDERSON

A WOMAN whose first baby was born to a surrogate mother last year will make medical history when the second of her timewarp twins" is born to a different host mother early next year.

Tricia Gunther's eggs, fer-tilised by her husband's sperm, were frozen in 1990 at private fertility clinic in Cambridge. The couple's first child, Jennifer, was born in March last year to Teresa After months of searching

for a second surrogate mother. Mrs Gunther and her husband Julian are now expecting their second child by another woman, who wishes to remain anonymous. She is two months' pregnant.

The Gunthers' second child will be a fraternal twin" to Jennifer. Medical staff who have treated the Gunthers believe they are the first couple to have a second fertilised egg successfully implanted in a surrogate moth-

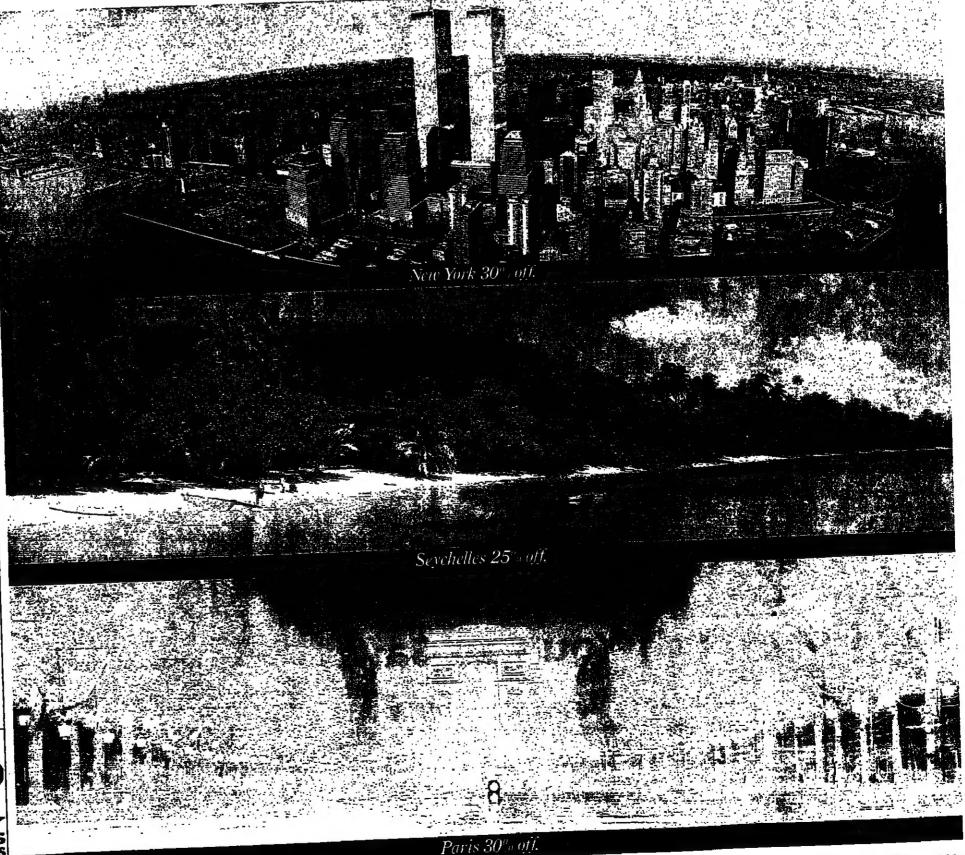


Jennifer at one year

er. It is also believed to be the longest time an embryo has been frozen and then successfully used in a surrogate. Mrs Gunther, from Handbridge. Cheshire, said: "I am overjoyed, ecstatic. I have seen two scans of the baby. My husband is delighted. So is the surrogate mother. It's wonderful that we're going to have a brother or sister for

Dr Mike MacNamee, scientific directer at Bourn Hall, said the "twins" would not be identical because they came from different eggs. "But as the eggs were conceived at the same time, they are fraternal twins. For these 'timewarp' twins to be born to two different mothers is, to the best of my knowledge,

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# MP's lost father is found dead in the Alps

By TIM JONES

AN MPs father has been found dead in the Austrian Alps almost two years after he disappeared on a mountaineering holiday. The body of Lionel Griffiths. 70. was discovered by police climbers alerted by a shepherd.

Mr Griffiths, the father of Labour consumer affairs spokesman Nigel, went missing after setting out from a hotel in Ober Tauern on September 15, 1994, and had not been seen since. It is believed he suffered a heart attack. The only clues to his whereabouts were in log books he had signed along his route. One of his final entries was from the poem Rocky Acres, by Robert Graves: "This is a wild land, country of my

choice. Nigel Griffiths, who spent three days searching in bliz-ard conditions for his father. spoke yesterday of his relief that the body had been found. He said: "I have always been quite 'philosophical about Dad's death. Some people's parents are mugged or hit by a bus, but he went doing the thing he loved most. We have all been terribly affected, but we are happy, his body has

been found." The body, in the Dachstein mountains about 50 miles



Nigel Griffiths: died in "country of his choice"

south of Salzburg, was easy to identify because of his pipe. clothing, camera and note-book. The MP for Edinburgh South said that rescue teams would not normally risk their lives if a 70-year-old climber went missing because of the small chance of survival.

"But Peter Lintschinger, the head of the service, had been climbing with Dad just a few days before and knew he was and well-equipped, so helped us search for three

days in terrible conditions."

He plans to fly out to

Austria with his wife, Sally, to seek permission to have his father buried in the "unknown travellers" cemetery of Ober Tauern, where climbers who have died trying to cross the pass in winter are laid to rest. if permission is refused, then he will scatter his father's ashes over the mountains.

Mr Griffiths was head of English at Hawick High School, Borders, A memorial service addressed by Gordon Brown, MP, was held in Edinburgh last December.

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# Fairy-tale ending for film student who dazzled stars

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

that the star part would be ideal for John Hurt. And, in the best tradition of showbusiness fantasies, the leading actor agreed to

Hurt was so impressed by James Breese's script that he waived his fee to take part. He was not alone. The persuasive power of the 23-year-old graphic-design student also inspired a whole team of professionals to take part in front of and behind the camfilm, My Funny Valentine, an appreciated his acting and he fairy tale, The Happy Prince. was in post-production as the young man who may be Britain's youngest and cheekiest writer-director told how his own fantasy came true.

it was the best day of my life when John Hurt agreed to help," said Breese, a student at the University of the West of England in Bristol. "It's ridioulous to think you can just write to someone like John Hurt and ask them to help for nothing and they will come





Recruited by Breese for My Funny Valentine were, clockwise from top left, John Hurt, Gareth Hunt, 12-year-old Alex Lee and Ray Brooks

had the right diction for the adaptation of Oscar Wilde's

two-page letter and a short synopsis of the script, about a statue that comes to life. The actor, who is about to go to New Zealand to make The Climb, said yesterday: "If somebody has the chutzpah to ask someone to do something for nothing, there are a great many of us prepared to do that. It feeds the industry and encourages talent.

The general press have you believe we are a grand lot. We're not. We care for our kind. The more one can do to encourage new talent, the better. Students think 'He'd never do that'. It's not actually true. You're looking at someone's potential. I was impressed by his enthusiasm and accuracy of thought. I liked him and I liked the project. He's going to be

Initially. Hurt was sent a

Breese added: "I said that 50 people were involved, mainly students, and that I'd put a lot of work into it. Soon after, I got a call from his assistant with some dates to make the film. He said it was very interesting. It's about collisions between the world of humans and fairy tales."

The list of credits will also nclude the actor Gareth Hunt, best known for Upstairs, Downstairs and The New Avengers; the actor Ray Brooks: Mark Chamberlain, lighting cameraman for the award-winning Wallace and Gromit; special effects by Planet 24, the production company behind Channel 4's The Big Breakfast; and musicians from Portishead, the Mercury Prize-winning band, performing an Ella Fitzgerald score. In addition, a 12-year-old Bristol schoolgirl, Alex Lee, was cast as the swallow. All



Powers of persuasion: the young writer-director James Breese with his co-producer. Emma Hancorn

agreed to give their services

for nothing. Hunt spoke of being as impressed as much by Mr Breese's enthusiasm and persistence as his talent: "One's got to sit up and take note. He's going to be a very clever lad. A lot of people talk about do anything. James impressed me. I was fascinated by what he was trying to say. It was a clever concept. I play the Gatekeeper to Heaven who stands outside a cinema: heaven is the cinema. He's an usher welcoming people. He sells tickets, filtering out the good and bad in a comment on humanity." Further support has come from the BBC, which lent an office and postproduction facilities: the British Film Institute, which was able to secure an Odeon cinema with 40s period details and costumes to match; and British Gas, which allowed the film-makers to shoot at a disused works in Bristol. The local community also rallied round, lending props, and HTV supplied cameras.

Breese said: "It is great to know that people at the forefront of the industry are still willing and able to help students to get a step up that allimportant career ladder. I have always loved telling stories. The film does just that. It is also an attempt to move away from the 'ultraviolence' of many modern films. I believe in freedom of creative expression, but many filmmakers have overstepped the

They are not making for a better world. Through my film, I'm trying to return to an from twee. It tackles euthanasia, for example. It's a fairy tale for adults, but one that children will also enjoy."

Emma Hancorn, 25, a media studies student from the university, was his coproducer. She has already got herself a professional produc-ing job on another film. A

Slice of Life, a comedy set in

London.

Breese's movie, which is likely to be just under an hour long, will be finished in two or three months. Tempest Films, which makes documentaries and films for Carlton and the BBC, has expressed interest. The process of persuasion continues. Breese said: "I sent them a five-minute trailer. They're going to put in some

money to help me finish it." There was also one other apportunity he could not miss: "As my final-year dissertation was on images of disability. focusing on The Elephant Man, John even gave me an an hour's interview for that."

# £10,000 for man sacked over £1

A COUNCIL worker sacked after he was accused of falsifying his travelling expenses by £1 won £10,000 compensation

Terry Smith's boss had him followed as he delivered enforcement notices around his district, an industrial tribunal was told. The next day Philip Devenald, head of legal ser-vices at North Hertfordshire District Council, retraced the route with his wife and child-ren in a car. He measured the journey at 44.6 miles, worth £3.12 at 7p a mile. Mr Smith. an enforcement officer for nine covering 60 miles. He was interviewed and sacked for gross misconduct.

Mr Devenald told the tribu-nal in Bedford: The amount of money involved is totally irrelevant, it was never my concern. I will not tolerate less than 100 per cent honesty by my staff. I demand absolute honesty and integrity. It is particularly important for enforcement officers who have the potential to prosecute

He said he had also been unhappy with Mr Smith's work in the past. He said: "He wasn't initiating any prosecutions. Looking at his mileage sheet and his diary, it seemed to indicate he was getting in his car and driving round the area aimlessly."

Mr Smith, a 60-year-old grandfather from Stevenage, denied making a false expenses claim. He said the mileage was correct and claimed unfair dismissal.

Before he was due to give evidence yesterday, the council agreed to settle the case. Mr Smith, who earned £12,500 a year, will receive a tax-free award of £10,000 and costs of

Afterwards he said: "In settling this case, the council has had to admit it was wrong - wrong to sack me, wrong to spend money on an unnecessary investigation and wrong to fight it all this way. It has been a tremendous strain on the public purse and in my mind that is a complete

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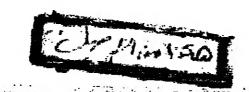
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# Carlile quits Westminster to devote time to sick daughter



Carlile: said he could no longer

POLITICAL REPORTER

ALEX CARLILE, the senior Liberal Democrat MP. is quitting politics to help to look after his seriously ill teenage daughter.

Mr Carlile, an MP for 13 years. admitted yesterday that Westminster wreaked havoc on home life and he was no longer prepared to "sacrifice his family for politics". He said that while MPs were known to have hectic lifestyles and wives were expected to hold the fort dutifully, children were often the forgotten victims.

The MP wants to return to a less

Ruth, who is in a psychiatric hospital. The depressive illness from which she has been suffering for nearly two years has recently

He said: "It is clear to me that I can play an important part in Ruth's eventual recovery: but only if I am more a part of Ruth's life than my activities as an MP have enabled me to be."

Frances, Mr Carlile, a father of three, said that MPs never had "proper quality time" with their

calls from journalists and constituents, you are going to village fêtes, dinners, drinks parties or canvassing. In Westminster you are either hanging around late at night for votes or answering stacks of letters. Everyone else has first call on your time," he said.

The MP for Montgomery said it was ludicrous to suggest that MPs did not work hard and had too much holiday. "During the summer recess, I spent the whole time looking after my constituency. My wife has been wonderful. But she has taken the responsibility for

been a stressful and difficult decision. Alex is a person of strong loyalties, to his constituents, to his party, and to his family. It has taken us all some time to adjust to the extremely slow pace of recov-ery from mental illness and the time needed to help Ruth. He just wants to be there for her.'

Although Mr Carlile is not dependent on his MP's salary, he said that MPs were not properly paid for the hours they put in and many were constantly worried by financial problems.

His decision has intensified the

necessary to have 651 of them. Mr Carlile will carry on as home affairs spokesman and leader of the Welsh Liberal Democrats until the next general election and then will "go home" and return to being

His departure from Westminster is a blow to his party in the run-up to an election. He has a majority of 5,209 and is the only Liberal Democrat MP in Wales. playing an important role in efforts to increase the party's influence there, particularly on the devolution issue. A large field of

pressured career and spend more time with his IS-year-old daughter he won his seat. "At weekends you time with his IS-year-old daughter he won his seat. "At weekends you time with his IS-year-old daughter he won his seat. "At weekends you time with his IS-year-old daughter he won his seat. "At weekends you time with his IS-year-old daughter he won his seat. "At weekends you time with his IS-year-old daughter he won his seat. "At weekends you time with his IS-year-old daughter he won his seat. "At weekends you time with his IS-year-old daughter he won his seat. "At weekends you time with his IS-year-old daughter he won his seat. "At weekends you time with his IS-year-old daughter he won his seat. "At weekends you time with his IS-year-old daughter he won his seat. "At weekends you time with his IS-year-old daughter he won his seat." At weekends you time with his IS-year-old daughter he won his seat. "At weekends you time with his IS-year-old daughter he won his seat." At weekends you time with his IS-year-old daughter he won his seat. "At weekends you time with his IS-year-old daughter he won his seat." At weekends you time the children." Mrs. weeks, their pay and whether it is Liberal bastion for more than a

> Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, said the party would miss Mr Carlile, who was a "powerful voice" at Westminster. We pay a very high price for being a Member of Parliament, but I think all of us understand that families come first," he said.

Judi Lewis, the party's Welsh spokeswoman, said: "Everyone is extremely upset about losing Alex - but at this very difficult time for his family the decision is entirely

# Fischler tells beef farmers that trade may never recover

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

never recover fully from the crisis over "mad cow" disease, Franz Fischler, the European Union's Agriculture Commissioner, told British farmers yesterday. Risking the wrath of dairy

and beef producers, Herr Fischler honoured a longstanding invitation to open the annual Royal Show at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire. In British beef. the event, no protests marred the occasion and Herr Fischler, who has a farm in the Austrian Tyrol, was spared having to eat British beef for lunch. Later, however, he sampled beef satay at the stand of the Meat and Livestock Commission.

The organisers were careful to steer their visitor away from the cattle lines and took him to a flower show, the organic farming stand and a British food exhibition. At a lenged about alleged under-reporting of BSE in cattle herds elsewhere in Europe. Robert Robinson, from Alnwick, Northumberland, said the only two cases of the disease in his herd had been imported from Ireland, where he estimated there might have been 7,000 unreported cases. He asked why the export ban applied only to

Herr Fischler said he had heard rumours of underreporting and he would raise the matter with the new EU scientific group set up to investigate the disease. He believed that 99 per cent of all cases of BSE had occurred in

In his opening address, Herr Fischler hinted that beef farmers might have to face production curbs to reflect permanently lower demand, although Britain could be less badly affected packed meeting with farm-ers. Herr Fischler was chal-than some continental coun-

# Smithfield serves up union-free butcher's

By Ian Murray, community correspondent

THE first non-union butcher's shop began trading in Smithfield Market, London, yesterday when half the Vicreopened after a £30 million refurbishment and a E2.1 million deal to end restrictive practice.

Union representatives immediately "invited" staff to join but the shop was able to continue trading even though they did not do so. "It marks the real end of an era," Greg Lawrence, the shop owner and deputy chairman of the Smithfield Meat Traders Association, said. "My staff can join the union if they want to but nobody can make them." The refurbished East Hall unit. Meat is unloaded by robotic arms from the back of lorries backed into pneumati-

cally sealed hatches. Butchers work in sealed rooms with the cut meat hung on hooks that can be run out for display behind glass. The West Hall will close

tries. "There is no doubt in my mind that we have seriously to look at the beef production of the future and how the system has to be adapted both to satisfy consumer demands and to allow farmers to earn an acceptable

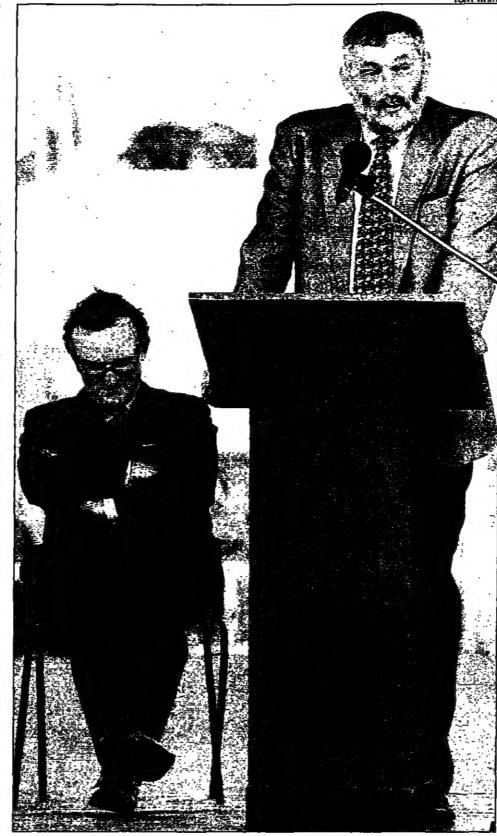
Later, at a press confer-ence, Herr Fischler said: "It will not be easy to get back to the level of consumption that existed before the crisis." Production subsidies to help beef farmers could provide only a short-term solution.

He refused to endorse the Prime Minister's forecast after the EU summit in Florence that the worldwide ban on British beef exports would be largely lifted by November. That would depend on how quickly Britain could satisfy the conditions set for each stage in the removal of the ban.

Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, said Britain had "turned the corner" in the beef crisis, although he admitted he did not expect to see the export ban being significantly eased before "the back end of the year".

At a private meeting with Herr Fischler, Sir David Naish, president of the National Farmers' Union, said that he did not regard the cull ordered by the EU as scientifically justified but said he support it if it led to the removal of the ban. ☐ Consumption of beef fell by 20 per cent in the first

three months of this year compared with the same period last year, according to the National Food Survey. The total household conover the next three months sumption of all meat and and should be refurbished by meat products declined by 1.5 per cent in 12 months.



Douglas Hogg listening as Franz Fischler, the EU Agriculture Commissioner, addresses farmers at the Royal Show at Stoneleigh yesterday

# New Blanc | New Sin Briefs restaurant distasteful to residents

BY ROBIN YOUNG

COOKING smells from the kitchen of the world-famous chef Raymond Blanc have failed to seduce his new neighbours. Smells and noise from M Blane's new restaurant in the heart of Oxford have led to a wave of complaints to the council.

Angry residents have also pointed out to planners that M Blanc opened his restau-rant, Le Petit Blanc, before he had full planning permission. The brightly coloured restaurant opened with a publicity flourish a fortnight igo, when M Blanc's backer. Richard Branson, arrived in a rickshaw.

Neighbours were unimpressed and, besides the smells and noise, complain that the restaurant, in Walton Street, is opening earlier than it should.

The chairman of Oxford City Council's planning committee, Stef Spencer, said: "Since the restaurant opened two weeks ago, we have received nine letters of complaint and numerous phone calls from residents saying the restaurant is a nuisance.

They have complained of the smells and say they can-not sleep because of the noise. The extractor fans do not seem to be working as well as they should, and the neighbours say they are opening at 8am instead of 11."

Ms Spencer added that the committee was disinclined to give the restaurant the extenwhich it had applied. "We are extremely concerned that he went ahead with a blaze of publicity when there were still these outstanding matters," she said. "He jumped

the gun."

M Blanc said yesterday: We want to live in harmony with our neighbours and we will do our utmost to keep

# Second Tube strike

A second 24-hour strike by London Underground drivers is to go ahead tomorrow after the breakdown of peace talks

tomorrow

Aslef union leaders met London Transport managers for 90 minutes but failed to resolve a dispute over a onehour cut in the working week. Officials from the Rail Mar-

itime and Transport union also joined the talks. It is balloting members on strikes over time off. Co-ordinated action with Aslef would halt the network.

### Amnesty tally

More than 15,360 guns were handed in during the monthlong amnesty following the Dunblane massacre, the Home Office announced. Police stations in Scotland collected more than 2,500 of the total. The amnesty ended on Sunday.

### Rescuer rescued

The Lymington lifeboat, called to the aid of the 28ft yacht Chuckles in trouble off Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, found the skipper they were towing to safety was the Royal Nat-ional Lifeboat Institute's Chief of Operations, Commodore George Cooper.

# Marry at leisure

Engaged couples are to have longer to change their minds. to help to reduce the divorce rate. A three-month deadline for a civil wedding after notification with a registrar is being extended to a year under new government proposals put be-fore Parliament yesterday.

# Cruise halted

Holidaymakers were going home yesterday after their cruise was cancelled aboard the Russian ship Alla Tarasova, stranded for three days with a flooded engine room at Peterhead, Grampian. All are said to be receiving

# Stabbing charge

A factory worker aged 17 was remanded in custody at Brighton, charged with stabbing a Russian student. The incident allegedly happened just hours after England's exit from Euro 96. Another youth, also 17. from Moscow, has been released from hospital

# Model auction

A model theatre once owned by the actor Peter Cushing was sold to a German toy museum for £17.625 at Phillips in London. With it were ten stage sets and model figures including Sherlock Holmes, a part that Cushing, who died in 1994, often played.

# Winning goal

A man from Folkestone has won £201,069 for a £122 accumulator bet with William Hill on two horse races and several football results, including forecasting Germany winning Euro 96. He had, however, made a £50,000 hedging bet on the Czech Republic.

# Judge maintains status quo on pop station's record 'ban'

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

AN ATTEMPT by two veteran rock stars to force their band back into the Radio I playlists was thrown out in the High Court yesterday. Mr Justice Collins refused Status Quo's application for a judicial review of the BBC policy of barning chart hits by "unfash-ionable" artists, despite its

remit to play Top 40 records. He described the case brought by Francis Rossi and Rick Parfitt as hopeless and halted in its tracks what he suggested would be an "utterly pointless" waste of court time. He ruled that Radio 1 had a legal right to its opinion that Status Quo are "old hat".

The judgment, which leaves the musicians with an estimated legal bill of £50,000, effectively relegates Status Quo and a host of artists, from Sir Cliff Richard and Rod Stewart to

the Beatles, to easy listening

The BBC welcomed the decision. Sarah Jones, a BBC solicitor in court to hear the ruling, said: "We are delighted Radio I's right to editorial free-dom has been safeguarded." Rossi, 46. and Parfitt, 47.

currently celebrating the band's thirtieth anniversary. decided to challenge Radio 1's stated push for a trendier image last March after the station failed to play their new hit single Fun, Fun. Fun. The recording went straight into the pop charts.

Kenneth Parker, QC, counsel for the group, told the judge in an informal hearing that the absolute ban, imposed by Trevor Dann, 44. Radio I's head of production, was capricious, inconsistent and not based on musical taste. At one

point Mr Justice Collins suggested that, perhaps, Radio I simply did not like his clients They don't have to like it," Mr Parker said.

Paul Goulding, counsel for the BBC, said Radio 1 had never imposed a ban on Status Quo. He said each record was judged on its merits and its suitability for its targeted audience. Records would not find their way onto Radio I's playlist simply because they were commercially successful.

David Walker, the group's manager, said they were downhearted but not defeated. He added that the action was taken not just for Status Quo but for all other bands similarly outlawed from the playlists. Bill Latham, who acts for Sir Cliff Richard, said the

at the High Court. singer felt "personally hurt" at

# Ono and Beatles try to silence live CD

BY ADRIAN LEE

THE three surviving Beatles and John Lennon's widow Yoko Ono are trying to ban a CD version of a recording of the group performing at a club in Hamburg in 1962.

Lawyers for Lingasong Music Ltd, of Waltham Ab-bey, Essex, said yesterday that Lennon gave permission for the recording. Live at the Star Club was first released on vinyl. The Beatles' label, Apple, tried unsuccessfully to have it banned in 1977, when a judge refused to grant an injunction. Nick Kanaar. 55, the solicitor who fought the might of The Beatles then, is preparing to lock horns again

Yesterday he said he was mystified by the claim for damages and the attempt to have all copies of the recording - sold by mail order as a

boxed set - destroyed. Mr Kanaar said a member of the audience - Ted "kingsize" Taylor of a band called The Dominoes — was given per-mission by John Lennon to make the recording and later sold it to Lingasong.

Mr Kanaar said: "The agreement was either verbal, or scribbled on the back of a beer mat long before The Beatles became household names. I cannot understand why they are doing this. They claim they are illicit record-ings." He said it was not a case of "bootlegging" and the com-pany was ready for a fight. In another case, the band Shakespear's Sister are being sued for damages for allegedly infringing the copyright on the 1920s poem Hornpipe by Dame Edith Sitwell, who died

# TV's Rebecca bypasses Cornwall on road to Manderley

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THE road to Manderley bypasses Comwall, according to Carlton Television. The company has decided to film a twopart television version of Daphne du Maurier's Rebecca - with its famous opening: "Last night I dreamt I went back to Manderley again" - in Hampshire rather than Cornwall.

All but a handful of exteriors in the four-hour adaptation are to be filmed at Rotherfield Park near Alton in Hampshire, more than 200 miles from

Manderley's original setting. The organisers of a du Maurier festival planned in Cornwall next spring are understandably put out. They had hoped that both they and Cornish tourism would benefit from a flood of visitors in the wake of the screening, as happened in neighbouring Devon when Saltram House was used for Emma Thompson's adaptation of Sense and Sensibility. Du Maurier wrote Rebecca while living at Menabilly, near Par in Cornwall. She based the dark and brooding house of Manderley on a combination of Menabiliy and Milton Hall near Peterborough. Cambridgeshire.

The landscape around Menabilly formed the backdrop to the book and enthusiasts say the television version, which will star Faye Dunaway. Charles Dance and Diana Rigg, should have been filmed in authentic locations.

Cariton may have chosen the location partly because it is only an hour's drive from its studios at Shepperton. Malcolm Brown, chairman of the

leisure committee of Restormel Borough Council, which is running next year's du Maurier festival, said yesterday: "It is very good news that they are making a new film of Rebecca but very bad news that they have decided to set it in Hampshire. The decision will be very unpopular and deeply resented here in

Cornwall. The story is set in Cornwall and the actual house is often thought to be based on du Maurier's own home at Menabilly where she wrote it."

Peter Mares, a Carlton spokesman, said: "Filming can always be a succession of compromises. Our designer, Caroline Amies, and director, Jim O'Brien, looked all around England, including Cornwall, and went to Ireland, looking for the right location. At the end of the day they chose to do it mostly with Rotherfield Park and studio shots at Shepperton.'

He added that The Jewel in the Crown, which Mr O'Brien co-directed, was shot partly in India and partly in North Wales, and viewers did not know.

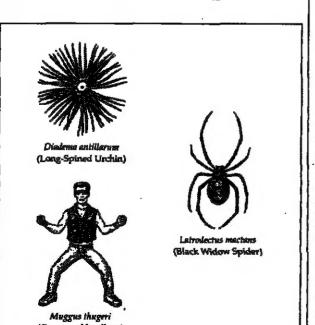
Mr Mares pointed out that Alfred Hitchcock's 1939 film of Rebecca was shot entirely in California. "At least we are doing a week's filming in Cornwall for exteriors of the clifftops, cottages and beaches, which is more than Hitchrock



Fontaine and Olivier in Hitchcock's 1939 version, which was filmed not in Cornwall but California

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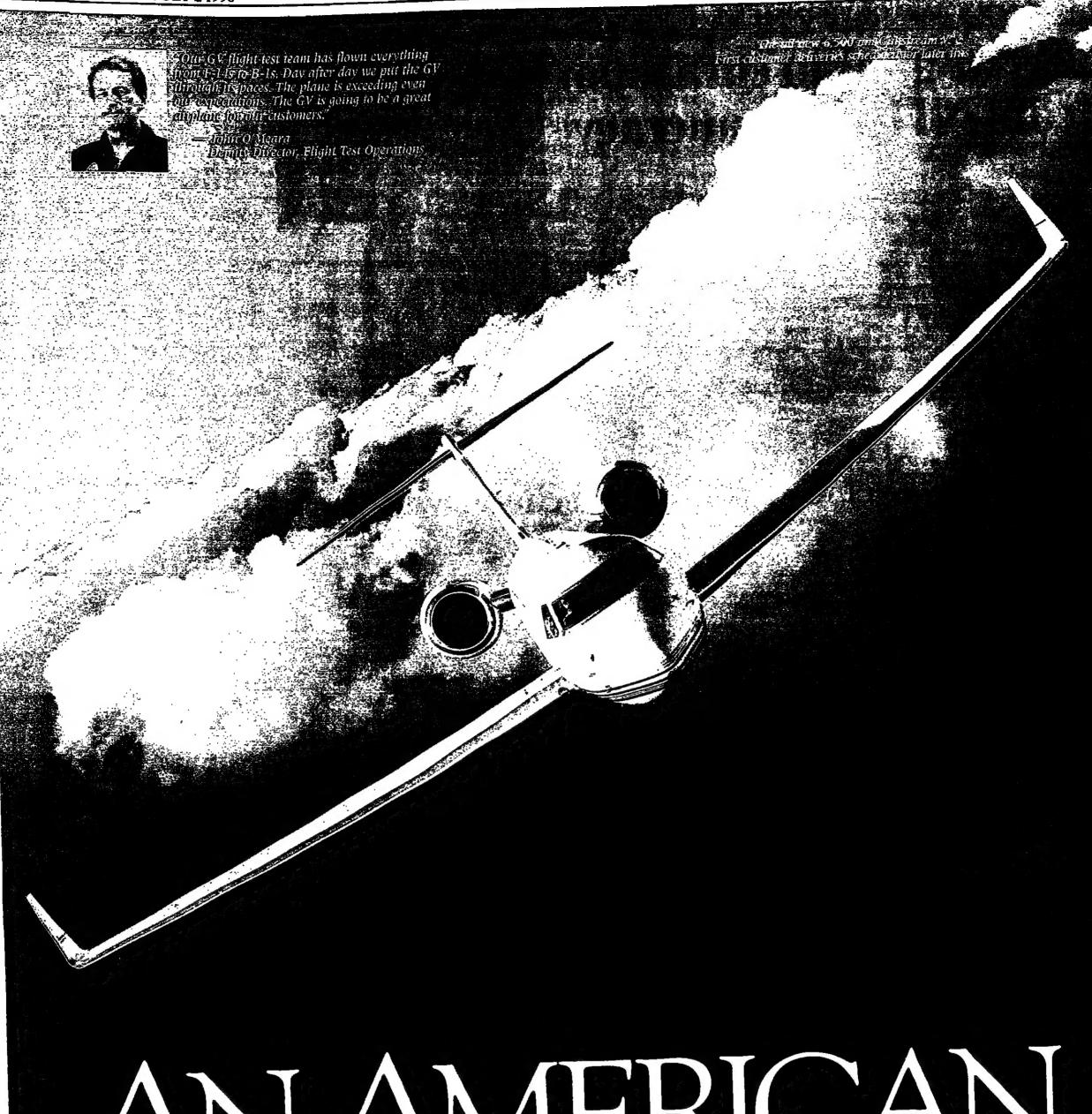
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# Labour aims to cut £100m from NHS bureaucracy

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR announced plans yesterday to slice £100 million from health service management costs to improve patient care within the party's first year of government.

Harriet Harman, the Shadow Health Secretary, set out proposals to end the "paper chase that she claims has been costing an extra £1.5 billion a year since the start of the internal market. She said that the £100 million represented only the beginning of cuts on an unnecessary bureaucracy that was draining money from

Ms Harman confirmed that if Labour won the general election there would be fewer health service managers, but she refused to say how many jobs might be lost.

Her prediction of management savings was denounced and greeted sceptically by health professionals who criticised the lack of detail in the

Ms Harman said that by imposing a new limit on the management costs of trusts and health authorities enough money could be saved to pay for the treatment of 100,000 more patients. Labour would aim to cut management costs below the present average of 3.9 per cent of income for trusts, and 1.3 per cent for health authorities. However, the target would be a regional one because of the difficulties some smaller trusts have in reducing management costs. Although Ms Harman said

that cutting waste would be one of the first priorities of an incoming Labour government, senior figures in the party admitted that first-year savings would be determined

hospital trusts and health authorities responded to new instructions.

Presenting a health policy document, Cut The Waste, Cut The Waiting, Ms Harman said that £22 million could be saved by ending the system of extra-contractual referrals, which is used to obtain treatment for patients at hospitals with which their GP fundholder or health authority does not have a contract. The remaining savings would come from the E59 million spent on trust management and the £21 million health authority costs.

"Cutting bureaucracy will transform services," she said. The NHS is tied up with red tape and bogged down in paperwork." Last year, 57,000 invoices were sent out by Guy's and St Thomas's hospi-

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nal market means not only that Guy's and St Thomas's have to appoint managers to draw up and process 57,000 invoices and send them out, but the health authority has to appoint managers to approve and process 26,000 invoices to buy healthcare for its local population from local hospitals.

managers and 50,000 fewer nurses since the Tories introduced their market in healthcare. More people to count the cost of care - fewer people to provide it." Mr Dorrell was scornful of

"There are 20,000 more

the plans, saying that the Government had already achieved 8 per cent savings on bureaucracy. "The idea that we can do everything we want to do in the health service in the future by just making the administration process more



Harriet Harman: says that money saved on health service red tape will be spent on treating patients

# Harman has yet to explain how scheme will

By JEREMY LAURANCE

THE success of Labour's plan to save money by scrapping the inter-nal market will depend on what system replaces it. There is no dispute that the market has led to higher administrative costs. But what is the alternative and would it be cheaper to run? On this, the party's health team was less than forthcoming yesterday.

Labour claims that £12 in every £100 of NHS spending goes on

every £100 before the market was introduced in 1991. That amounts to an extra £1,500 million a year spent

on bureaucracy.
It plans to whittle away this figure. Of the £100 million savings planned for the first year, £80 million wil be saved by requiring NHS trusts and health authorities that are top heavy with management to reduce their administrative costs to the national average of 3.9 per cent of turnover.

To demonstrate the scope for savings it lists hospitals and the

number of invoices they issue. The United Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust has 300 contracts with health authorities and GP fundholders and sends out 12,500 invoices a year. Labour's plan is to cut the level of invoicing — and the managers who run it — by switching to a system of rolling three-year agreements. However, the details of how these would work have yet to be spelt out.

At present 232 NHS trusts spend more than average on management costs and 148 spend less (39 spend at

the average level). The £80 million will come out of the £852.5 million spent by NHS trusts on administrative costs and the £450 million spent by health authorities, a total reduction of a shade more than 6 per cent. In addition, Labour plans to end the system of extra contractual referrals, under which an invoice is drawn up for each patient sent to a hospital by a health authority or GP fundholder that has not contract with it.

Removing this system, one of the costliest elements of the internal market, could save £22 million.

Harriet Harroan cited the example of a woman with back pain who was referred to the Royal National Orthopaedic hospital and had to wait five months for approval of the £120 cost of the treatment from her health authority. The cost of administering the case was £360. "We could have treated three patients for

the price of one," Ms Harman said. However, when pressed on what would replace it Ms Harman was vague, citing the possible suitability of a number of budgetary systems" for reimbursing hospitals.

# MPs warn of pay 'trap'

urged Tony Blair yesterday to resist being hurried into crossparty talks on MPs' pay

John Major took the unusual step last week of inviting Mr Blair and other party leaders to put forward their suggestions this week on the report by the Senior Salaries Review Body, which is expected on Thursday to recommend rises of more than El0.000 for MPs. Ministers are worried about the public's reaction and want

for a lower rise, with the prospect of a higher one after the next election. MPs will have a free vote,

leave it to us."

# Backbench

LABOUR backbenchers (Arthur Leathley writes).

but Labour backbenchers fear pressure to take a party line. One Labour MP planning to stand down at the election said: "This is a Tory trap to get Blair to agree to lower pay rises to show that he is a responsible leader. But he should just keep quiet and

### t last the Tories have begun to take Tony Blair seriously. Yesterday's decision by the Cabinet to change the direction of the Tory artack on Mr Blair is the biggest endorsement he could have wished

for ahead of the publication on Thursday of the party's mini-manifesto setting out his "new" Labour approach. Ever since he was elected Labour leader nearly two years ago. Mr Blair has surprised and confused Tory strategists as much as his own party. As Conservative Central Office officials admitted yesterday, the par-ty had used "a number of anack strategies that have not landed punches". This is

in part because confusing

and contradictory approaches have been used. The Tories have successively argued, often on the same day, that Mr Blair has no policies; has stolen the Tories' clothes; that while Mr Blair is new type of leader. Labour has not changed: and that Labour governments never work. None of these charges has stuck. Trying to paint Mr Blair as a reincarnation of Michael Foot or a creature of the trade unions has seemed ludicrous. He demonstrated both his fresh approach and assertion of authority over union leaders by his success in rewriting Clause Four.

Repeated polls have shown that the public believes that Mr Blair has broken with Labour's past, whatever doubts voters still have about the party's ability to deliver in office.

The Tory confusion reached its height in January when Mr Blair launched the

idea of the stakeholder society. On the same day, one minister said he was adopting Tory policies and another argued that he was proposing new powers for the unions. Senior ministers have been won round to the view that the party has to recognise that Mr Blair is different and the old anti-Labour slogans will not work. A shift has been urged for some time by Danny Finkelstein, head of the Conservative Research Department, and David Willetts. the leadership's in-house in-tellectual, whose pamphlet on "new" Labour will be published by the Centre for

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The key was to persuade the party's marketing gurus, Maurice Saatchi. Sir Tim Bell and Peter Gummer. who are masterminding the Tories' multimillion-pound poster campaign. The Cabinet endorsed this strategy yesterday morning.

The new approach, as set out in a speech by Brian Mawhinney last Friday, is to sidestep the argument about whether Labour's policies are now different and to concentrate, rather, on whether they would work in practice. Hence, the slogan, with which we will become all too familiar over the summer, "New Labour, New Dangers". So instead of the old bogies of unballoted strikes, withdrawal from Europe, mass nationalisation, planning agreements and the like, the Tories are trying to conjure up new spine-chilling threats - over union rights, acceptance of a federal Europe, a statutory minimum wage, choice in schools, new impositions on management and, above all, a constitutional upheaval.

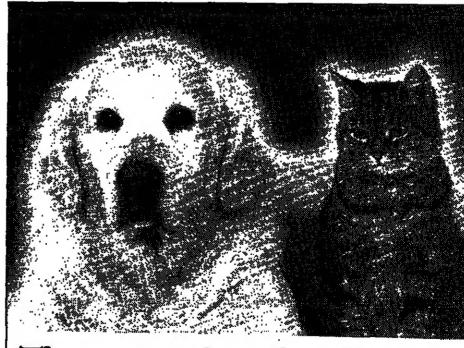
ome of these questions are legitimate — in particular over whether business will face extra costs as a result of new regulations, over the commitment to choice in public services and about the potential pitfalls in Labour's constitutional proposals. But some other Tory charges are greatly overdone — and Mr Blair is rapidly trying to make them less threatening by removing ambiguous and expensive promises. So it is a gross exaggeration for Dr Mawhinney to argue that "a significant number of Labour's current policy positions are more extreme and more damaging than anything advocated by that party in the 1970s or 1980s".

The pertinent questions for the Tories to ask are whether Mr Blair's approach, and instincts, are shared by his party, and whether his caution on making promises and public spending can be reconciled with the overall promise that "new" Labour could really change Britain.

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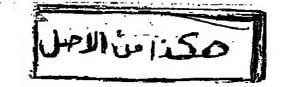
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# Thousands mark British military's bloodiest day

# Ceremony at Somme's battlefield pays anniversary tribute to the million dead

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN THIEPVAL

THOUSANDS of British pilgrims, including more than a dozen veterans of the First World War, assembled amid the rolling fields of northern France yesterday to commentorate the eightieth anniversary of the first offensive in the Battle of the Somme - the bloodiest day in Britain's military history.

The solemn service beneath the great Thiepval memorial by Sir Edwin Lutyens, on which is inscribed the names of 70,000 British soldiers with unknown graves, was attended by the Duke of Gloucester. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Sec-retary of State for Northern ircland, and representatives from several British regiments. Officials from France, Germany, Australia, Canada and New Zealand also came to pay tribute to the more than a million men who lost their lives on the Somme battlefields between July and mid-November 1916.

Of the 160,000 soldiers who set off through the mayhem of no man's land towards the German trenches in the first 24 hours of the Anglo-French offensive, more than 20,000 died and 35,000 were wounded. Just 185 German soldiers perished on that first day.

"It has been said that never have so many men walked so confidently to a certain death," the Rev William Scott told the congregation. The German machine-gunners emerged from their deep dug-outs un-scathed. They opened fire, and the bloodbath of the Somme

Norman Edwards was a raw 22-year-old that day, having joined the ranks of the 1st/6th Gloucesters less than two years before. "I felt it was my job," Captain Edwards, now 102, recalled yesterday, as a chill wind whipped across the former battlefields on a very different day from the "heavenly" July morning bitterly remembered by the au-

thor Siegfried Sassoon. The young infantryman Edwards was lucky. He survived the terrible first day of carnage all but impossible to imagine and was wounded three weeks later during a night attack at



One of the Somme veterans at yesterday's ceremony Harry Wells, 97, of London, wipes tears from his eyes

vice provided a stark contrast

to the rank confusion and fear

recalled by those who fought.

But the landscape does bear its scars. A few miles away at

La Boisselle lies the vast

crater. 250 yards across by 30

deep, where British sappers exploded 100,000 tons of ex-

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oldest veteran present and the only representative of the reg-

ular army of "Old Contemptibles" virtually wiped out in the first year of the war, is in

no doubt. He said yesterday:

"Nothing was ever settled by

"crazy

for my heart, but it went any grace of yesterday's serthrough my arm. That was my Blighty-ticket. I wouldn't have swapped it for a thou-sand pounds," he said. Captain Edwards, from Sutton Coldfield, took a commission and joined the Tank Corps after convalescence, going on to become managing director of Metro-Cam-

mell, the Underground 6 The train manufacturer. But heavens and after eight decades he is still earth were humbled by his arbitrary good fortune. "I have rolling up, had a wonderthe crazy ful life," he said. hour had Office regulations, men who begun 🤊 volunteered to-

The Rev Walker July 1, 1916, 7.30am George Jameson, at 103 the

ing neighbours, workmates and even football teams to form up into such units as the Liverpool Pais and the Grimsby Chums. The 16 veterans at yesterday's cere-mony are a dwindling few, but that cameraderie survives.

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stay together at

the front, leav-

"I have so many friends who lie here," said Donald Hodge. 101, as he gestured to the great Thiepval arch and the ranks of headstones in the Anglothe bloody chaos of the Somme in the neatly tended fields, while the formal militPasquini, France's Veterans Alfairs Minister, lay the first forward to add their wreaths. "It was very important to come back and remember all of those who fell," said James faylor, 97, from Comber near After the service, Sir Patrick

Duke of Gloucester and Pierre

Mayhew angrily dismissed suggestions that the British Government was under-repre-sented. "My father was present on the first day of the Somme and saw an entire division mowed down," he

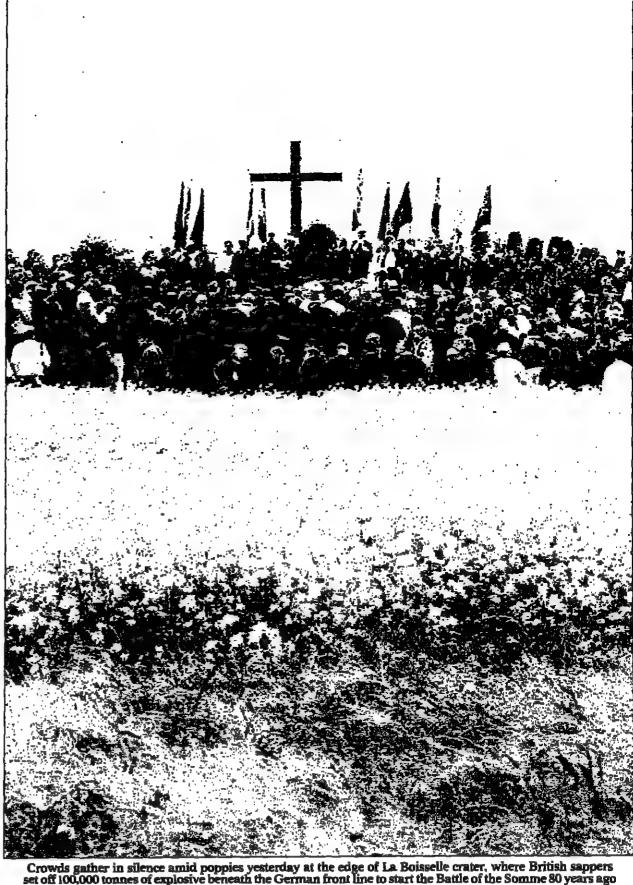
said.
"As Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and someone who served in a regiment represented at the Somme, and the son of one who fought here, I feel quite comfortable representing my country and

The Duke and Sir Patrick later attended another ceremony at the Ulster Tower, where Dr Robin Eames, the Primate of All Ireland, spoke of the Irish Protestants and Catholics who fought alongside one another during the ferocious

The events yesterday com-memorated huge loss of life, but also a sudden loss of optimism that changed the perception of war. With the battle, the hollowness of the assumption that British troops would simply "walk over and take possession" of the German trenches became borribly

in the first hours of battle, the Rev John Walker noted how the wounded soldiers were "checrful for they told us of a day of glorious successes". However, just two days later. the good man was secretly distributing morphine to dy-ing soldiers in the "moribund" tent behind the lines. "We may be at this for months ... and we hear of ramparts of dead English and Germans," he

it. War solves nothing."
"On that first day I had the privilege of firing 280 rounds with the Maxim gun," said Captain Edwards. "I don't what was once the Western tary bands fell silent and British boys, who 80 years ago More than 3,000 people, many of whom travelled by bus from Britain, saw the the Somme roadsid



# STEME (NEW LES)

# **Bomb hits** Corsican nationalists

Bastia: A car bomb exploded in this Corsican port yester-day, injuring eight people including two Corsican nationalist leaders and unidentified tourists, officials said.

Charles Pieri, one of the two national secretaries of the Cuncolta nationalist party, was driving the car and was among the injured. The other party leader, Pierre Lorenzi, was seriously hurt (AP)

# Bhutto victory

Islamabad: The Pakistan People's Party of Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister, won a showpiece election in Pakistan-ruled Azad (free) Kashmir as accusations raged of vote-rigging. (Reuter)

# Tamil ambush

Colombo: Tamil Tiger sepa-ratists ambushed a Sri Lankan army patrol clearing landmines near the eastern port of Trincomalee, killing 29 sol-diers and losing at least 35 of their own guerrillas. (Reuter)

# Leader elected

Santo Domingo: Leonel Fernández, 42, of the centrist Dominican Liberation Party, won the presidency of the Dominican Republic. He will replace Joaquin Balaguer, 89, on August 16. (Reuter)

# Star Quinn ill

New York: The actor Anthony Quinn. 81, was "satisfactory" in the heart unit of Rhode Island Hospital. A spokesman would not say what was wrong with him, but he had bypass surgery in 1990. (AFP)



# **Cuban boxers defect to US from Olympic camp**

know if I hit anyone."

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

TWO members of Cuba's Olympic Games boxing squad applied for political asylum in America after escaping from the team's training camp in

Details were few, but the defections at the weekend led to fears that Cuban authorities may order a review of security of their Olympic athletes.

José Casamayor, a gold medallist bantamweight at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, and Ramon Garbey, an amateur light-heavyweight world champion, left the team's compound in Guadalajara, Mexico, and were said to have flown to the frontier town of Tituana. After crossing the border they presented them-selves at the US Immigration and Naturalisation Service office and sought asylum. They

were taken in for questioning. The boxers are being represented by Frank Ronzio, a prominent Los Angeles immigration lawyer, who said the men had been "singled out for persecution" in the Cuban Olympic camp. Mr Ronzio

was confident they would be granted American citizenship. The timing of the defections was odd. If the boxers hope to

fight professionally on the American circuit, they could have impressed the many talent scouts who watch the amateur bouts at the Games and have in the past made stars out of unknown fighters. However, Mr Ronzio said that Señor Casamayor and Señor Garbey "felt they had to

do it now" after being pres-sured to join the Communist Party and state their allegiance to the Castro regime. It was also probably easier to elude their minders in Mexico, where security at the Cuban training camp was slovenly.

At the Atlanta Olympics this month, there is likely to be less room for Cuban athletes to defect. International sporting events have in the past provided Cuban sportsmen with good opportunities to escape. At the 1993 Central American Games in Puerto Rico, about

40 Cubans fled. More than 70 Cuban athletes have defected in the past six years. American baseball has also attracted several expatriates, many of whom are now paid sums that compare favourably with their nation's gross domestic product.

Cuban Olympic selectors said the absent fighters have been replaced in the boxing squad, traditionally one of the strongest at the Games.

# Activists outraged over plan to put monkeys into orbit

By OUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK AND ANIANA AHUJA

AMERICAN, Russian and French scientists met yesterday to discuss the ethics of sending monkeys into orbit to test the effects of longdistance space travel.

A group of rhesus mon-keys, their heads sprouting electrical wires, their tails docked, are to spend 14 days on a Russian spacecraft in October. Animal rights protesters are outraged. The effects of space on the

monkeys during the Bion space trip will be measured by electrodes implanted in their brains. Scientists believe the results may indicate the neurological effects on people of the long-term space travel needed for a possible manned mission to Mars in A Bion task force convened

in Washington yesterday to prepare an ethical report on the experiment. The meeting came after complaints by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals about the on-board conditions for the monkeys. The group claimed that the animals would be unable to move during the flight and spoke of the monkeys skulls being "sliced open", of holes being made in their eyelids and of thermometers being embedded in their abdomens. There have been lurid stories of monkeys mutilating themselves in try-ing to rid themselves of

laboratory encumbrances. But Nasa insisted yesterday that the wires would be implanted under anaesthetic by experienced surgeons and that the monkeys would be taken to a Moscow monkey sanctuary after the flight to spend the rest of their lives in comfort.

Supporters of the experiment argue that the objectives of the mission fulfil strict criteria. These are that the results cannot be obtained in any other way, that they are relevant to the space programme and have the potential to enrich life on Earth; and that the animals are being humanely treated.

Nasa is reportedly paying Russia more than \$33 million (£21 million) to be involved in both Bion 11, which is due to lift off in late September, and Bion 12, which will lift off in 1998. France will also participate in both missions.

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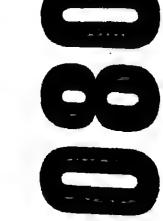
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# Madrid angles for Eta talks to end Basque campaign of terror

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

THE Spanish Government could be on the verge of a breakthrough in its long-running conflict with the Eta Basque terrorist group.

After a week of intense political

activity, not all of it taking place in the public eye, the Government of José María Aznar has indicated a cautious willingness to talk to Eta. provided the guerrillas commit themselves to three essential preconditions

These are an indefinite suspension by Eta of all armed activity: the immediate release of José Antonio Ortega Lara, a prison official kidnapped in January; and a recognition by Eta of the "plurality of the Basque people and the legitimacy of their institutions".

The conditions for dialogue were first set out last Wednesday at a meeting in Vitoria of the parties which are represented in the Basque regional parliament that reject violence. These include Senor Aznar's Popular Party, his Basque nationalist allies, the PNV. and the opposition Socialists. They exclude Herri Batasuna, the political wing of Eta. The Vitoria conditions were laid down in response to an Eta offer of a weeklong truce, which the parties rejected unanimously. Only on the fulfilment of these conditions. Eta was told, could there begin "a sincere and open process of dialogue".

Intriguingly, on the day after the Vitoria meeting, Jaime Mayor Oreja, the Interior Minister who is a Basque, said "democrats should not be afraid of acting with commonsers.

Arousing suspicions of a process beyond the public eye, he told congress that "there was begin-

ning to be an atmosphere conducive to the advancement of peace". In a surprising concession at the weekend, 32 convicted Eta terrorists were transferred to jails close to the Basque country. There are some 500 Eta prisoners in jails. most at some distance from the Basque territory. The move appeared to be a small concession to Herri Batasuna, which has consistently campaigned against the Government's policy of "dispersal"

The Interior Ministry disclosed sterday that it was also "studying the possibility" of relocating a

of Eta prisoners.

from their cells in the Canary Islands, off the west coast of Africa, to prisons in northern Spain.

The conciliatory approach of the conservative Government in Madrid - in opposition, the Popular Party had been ferociously op-posed to any deals with terrorists can be attributed to intense pressure from its Basque nationalist partners. Señor Aznar would find it difficult to govern in Madrid without parliamentary support from his Basque allies, who are intent on exploring "every civilised possibility" of dialogue

with Eta. short of "going down on its knees", as Xavier Arzalius, the PNV leader, stated yesterday. On balance, the dialogue should suit Señor Aznar. He can deflect criticism from the Right of his party by pointing to the need to keep the PNV in harness. If it fails, he can shrug his shoulders and ascribe the whole initiative to the Basque

nationalists as well. However the process develops, there appears to have been more positive activity in the last week than under 13 years of Socialist rule. As a spokesman for the Government said yesterday, "the

pelota is in Eta's court, and they would be foolish to waste it". ☐ Blocking tactics: The Socialists nationally have threatened to vote against entry into Nato's new command structure if the Atlantic alliance does not first disband Gibmed, its command in Gibraltar. Gibmed has long been a source of friction between Nato and Spain, and has been one of the reasons why Madrid has persistently resisted integration into the alliance's command structure. But Señor Aznar's administration is committed in principle to further integration with Nato.

# Fears grow over Yeltsin's health after TV appeal

IN MOSCOW AND MARTIN FLETCHER

IN WASHINGTON

A TIRED and frail President Yeltsin emerged yesterday after several days' absence to make a final appeal to his compatriots to support his reelection bid when polls open tomorrow to decide who will rule Russia.

In a brief televised address, the visibly ailing Russian leader told voters that they faced a watershed decision either to support his reformist policies or choose to return to the darkest days of communism. "On election day, you will vote not only for Yeltsin or [his rival Communist Party leader Gennadi| Zyuganov," said the 65-year-old Kremlin boss. You will vote on the future, for yourself, for the future of

Although the message was the same as countless other campaign speeches, the authority and confidence which once characterised President Yeltsin had disappeared from his delivery. He looked drawn, stiff and at one point shifted uncomfortably in his seat.

After the broadcast, a key backer of Mr Zuyganov described Mr Yeltsin as a "living corpse" and suggested that the Kremlin should put off the run-off election and allow the President to recover. Stanislav Govorukhin, a Communist MP, said: "We haven't seen him for several days and today mummy as if they had just got it from the mausoleum. They are suggesting we vote for a

living corpse. For President Yeltsin, who recently went down a coal mine, danced at a pop concert and shook the hands of hundreds of his supporters during months of campaigning, the two-minute prepared text seemed to stretch his physical resources to the limit. At no point in vesterday's Kremlin

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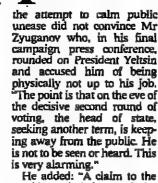
film was he seen standing. Kremlin aides insisted that the Russian leader was only suffering the after-effects of a cold and was working normally at his office. Viktor Cher-nomyrdin, the Prime Minis-ter, predicted that all was going smoothly and dismissed rumours that Mr Yeltsin may have suffered another cardiac problem, similar to his two heart attacks last year.

"I noticed no sign of an attack," he said. "The President grabbed my right hand in a handshake and nearly tore it off. Don't worry, everything is all right." However,

# Chechenia peace 'near collapse'

Southern Chechenia: Shamyl Basayev, a Chechen field commander and the rebel most feared by many in Russia, criticised a peace plan signed with Moscow, month conflict would go on. In a mountain hideaway on Sunday, he said Russia 'didn't want peace at all".

Under the plan. Russia will remove troops by September I and free elections will be held. But the Chechen government said on Saturday collapse because Russia was dragging its feet on pullouts and failing to dismantle checkpoints. (Reuter)



presidency is being made by someone who has undergone ten courses of medical treatment over the past two years and who spent five months in the hospital bed last year alone. And this at a time when the country itself is on the verge of a heart attack, when urgent measures are required to improve its health."

In Washington, it was disclosed that three American political strategists have been secretly working in Moscow on President Yeltsin's re-election campaign. The Washington Post said yesterday that the three veteran Republicans

- George Gorton, a top strategist for Governor Pete Wilson of California; Dick Dresner, a New York polister; and Joe Shumate, a polling analyst - have been holed up in the President Hotel, Mr Yeltsin's campaign headquarters, for the past month. But a spokesman for Mr Yeltsin called the report "a damn lie" and insisted there were "no foreigners here, not a single tacted all three men in their rooms at the hotel but none would discuss their work.

The political fallout from President Yeltsin's physical ailments is hard to predict. The last polls to be released before election day showed the Russian leader enjoyed a comfortable lead over his Communist challenger, but most pundits predict the final result will be very close. Some voting is already tak-

Cont.



ing place in remote parts of Russia and at Russian missions abroad. One unofficial result from the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan showed that President Yeltsin the 654 votes cast in Russia's Central Asian neighbour.

But back on Russian soil, that result will be hard to match, particularly since the Kremlin is fighting voter apathy and election overkill. Even among some of Mr Yeltsin's strongest supporters there was an admission that the advantage had clearly shifted to the Communist challenger. Vitali Tretyakov, editor of the Nezavisimaya Gazeta,

whose newspaper, like the bulk of Russia's media, has been fully behind President Yeltsin, wrote yesterday that the steam had gone out of the Kremlin's re-election carnanalysts and campaign managers are in a stupor," he said. "All this gives the impression that the initiative is not within

the grasp of the man who won the first round, by however small a margin."

London: President Yeltsin's public absence is worrying Western fund managers who are looking hard at investments in Russian equities after making astronomical re-

turns from what has been the

best performing stockmarket this year. One London-based fund manager said: "It was inevitable that Yeltsin's health would re-emerge as an issue in Russian politics, but it really is what is really going on in the Kremlin. investors have

Foreign scrambled to position themselves for a Yeltsin win. But the market shuddered when he failed to turn up at a campaign meeting on Friday. Foreign investors own up to \$1.5 billion (£974 million) of Russian equities which account for a large part of the daily \$30 million share turnover in Moscow. (Reuter)

# **Bonn ministers** do battle over defence cuts

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE pressure to cut public spending and meet the entry criteria for a European single currency is pitting Germany's each other in one of the fiercest budget rows for years.

Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, has accused Volker Rühe, the Defence Minister, of endangering the introduction of the euro because of swollen military budgets; Herr Rühe is hinting that the proposed cuts could Jeopardise important Franco-German arms projects and even, perhaps, the multinational Eurofighter. Euro or the Eurofighter?

The alternative may not be quite so stark but there is no doubt that Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, will have to pull apart his feuding ministers and make some hard choices within the next

Herr Waigel is looking for federal cuts of DM7 billion (£2.9 billion) in order to throttle back new public borrowing and stay in line with the Maastricht criteria during 1997, the selection year for monetary union candidates. He wants Herr Rühe to come

up with DM2.5 billion worth of savings.

But the defence budget has been shrinking rapidly since German unification in 1990 and army planners are concerned that they will be left with a gaping hole.

The row came to a head last week. The burly Defence Minister visited his Cabinet colable versions of the meeting, Herr Rühe claimed that the whole idea of a conscript army was under threat. "If you want another kind of army, perhaps you'd better let me know." he

told the Finance Minister. One version of the argument, reported yesterday by Der Spiegel, depicts the Defence Minister as mocking Herr Waigel who had earlier pleaded for the survival of a

which happens to be in the Finance Minister's constituency in Bavaria. "That's what I like to hear — lighting for every little job at home and then chopping billions from my budget." Herr Rühe is reported as saying. "And where else am I supposed to get the money? I don't have anything else to cut," came the

reply.

The Defence Minister left the meeting in a rage. His first move was to send a memo to Herr Kohl and suggest that some of the Chancellor's most cherished projects could be scrapped. Given the scope of the requested cuts, he wrote, a range of Franco-German defence projects might have to go: the Tiger combat helicopter, a new transport helicopter, a joint spy satellite, and maybe even the Eurolighter. which has survived wave after

wave of spending cutbacks. The Chancellor recently appealed to President Chirac to keep some endangered Franco-German projects alive and it would be a serious embarrassment for Herr Kohl to have to dump the Franco-German Helios satellite, Herr Rühe also stuck pins in the Finance Minister by suggesting that there was no need to build new German transport helicopters.

These could be bought from the Americans, Herr Rühe said in his clinching argument. There is the rub - the main casualty from such a cut would be not only relations with Paris, but also Daimlerhappens, is based in Herr Waigel's native Bavaria.

Cuts in the Eurofighter project would also cost jobs in Bavaria and cause a loss of face with the other members of the consortium, Britain, Italy and Spain. Herr Kohl has to bring order before a Cabinet meeting next week. In the meantime, the two powerful ministers are locked in the political equivalent of trench

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# Karadzic 'trick' frustrates West

By Stacy Sullivan in Sarajevo and Our Foreign Staff

Red letter day as Kohl drops his h's

By Roger Boyes

Institute. Germany's equivalent of the

British Council, Herr Kohl, the German

Chancellor, urged teachers to concentrate

on spreading the German language in Central and Eastern Europe as well as the states of the former Soviet Union.

This, he said, was not purely a question

of economics, and it certainly was not "German linguistic imperialism". Rath-

er, it was necessary to create mutual

understanding if a united Europe were to

be more than a loose group of interests

into this strategy. It has always been a

phonetic language, but many foreign

words have crept in and muddled the

rules. "Write as you speak," was the guideline set by Johan Christoph

Adelung in the 18th century and it

became the rule for the Prussian school

and more than a free-trade zone. Making German easier to learn fits

WILLIAM PERRY, the American Defence Secretary, admitted yesterday that Washington was still trying to decide how best to secure the removal of the renegade Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, from all political influence.

Only a day after Carl Bildt,

the international mediator. announced that Dr Karadzic had resigned as President of the Bosnian Serb Republic under the threat of renewed economic sanctions, officials from Mr Bildt's office conceded that they had been tricked and that the indicted war criminal remained in charge. Although Dr Karadzic signed a piece of paper saying that he was handing over his presidential duties to Biljana

Playsic, his hardline Vice-President, he had not relinquished his title, nor his grip on power.
This is not what we have

THE determination of Helmut Kohl to

make German a match for English and

Russian took a leap forward yesterday with the first big spelling reform since

The letter "h" will be dropped from

spaghetti, rheumalism and yoghuri, some commas have become optional,

and many foreign words will be Germanised: ketchup, for instance, be-

comes ketschup. The changes, which came into effect yesterday, end 12 years of

simmering argument among linguists from Germany. Austria and Switzerland.

after the summer holidays. Textbooks are

now being amended and reissued at a

cost of about £600,000. The point is to

make the German language simpler and

In a recent speech to the Goethe

Schools will introduce the new rules

asked the leadership in Pale for," said Michael Steiner, Mr Bildt's deputy. "We wanted him to step down from all positions affecting public life. This simply is not good enough.

Mr Perry, meanwhile, told a news conference in Rome that Dr Karadzic's statement was a "first step", but added: "It should not, and must not, be a last step. "We will see what

amounts to in practice." Mr Perry said when asked about the announcement. "It is my view that more must be done. It has to be clear that Karadzic is out of power and unable to influence events in the country.

Asked what more should be done. Mr Perry said follow-up action would be determined after it became clear what the announcement meant. "That will become clear in the days ahead, and as it becomes clear we can make a better decision about what the next steps will be," he added. Nevertheless, Dr Karadzic's

half-way measure seems to have worked. Officials from Mr Bildt's office acknowledged that Dr Karadzic's letter would be enough to stave off the threatened sanctions.

The threat that Dr Karodzic would be arrested by the Nato force also seem to have come to naught. After Anthony Lake, the US National Security Adviser, said US troops would arrest Dr Karadzic "on sight", Nato officials in Sarajevo said such tough talk did not reflect a change in Nato policy on war criminals.

"The troops have already been given orders to arrest on - that's exactly the orders they've had all along," said Major Simon Haselock, a Nato spokesman.

Admiral Leighton Smith, the commander of Nato forces in Bosnia, said: "We will do everything within our power to see Dr Karadzic is removed from any position of power. But when asked if that

meant Nato troops could now seek out Dr Karadzic in his stronghold in the village of Pale, a spokesman for the admiral said Nato policy had not changed. Mr Perry is bound for

Sarajevo for talks with Bosnian leaders and a visit to Nato troops in northern Bosnia who have been criticised for not arresting Dr Karadzic and others indicted by the war crimes tribunal in The Hague. Mostar: Bosnia's main Muslim governing party will wield a slight majority over separatist Croats on a new city council here after European Union-sponsored elections, officials said. (Reuter)

system. But what is one to make of

Some languages, such as Norwegian, have successfully adapted lone words:

shampoo has become sjampo, chauffeur is sjafoer, chocolate sjokolade, and breakdance breikdans. The Norwegian

Language Council managed this with

little fuss, but German linguists have

been through years of hard hargaining. There was a strong lobby in East

Germany for writing nouns with a lower-

case rather than a capital letter. Unifica-

tion in 1990 put paid to that, however,

because West Germans are very attached to their capitals. Some titles can now he

written with a small letter but, in the end,

only 185 out of about 12,000 German

words have been changed. More markedly, along with the many aitches

dropped, the sign for a double "s" is to go,

tomato ketchup?



Tapie: five-year ban on managing business

# Tapie gets suspended sentence

Bethune: Bernard Tapie, 53. the French former Cabinet Minister, was given a two-year suspended jail sentence after his third fraud convic-

tion in less than a year. He was also fined Fr300.000 (£39.000) and was banned from managing a business for five for misappropriating funds from Testut, a company that was once part of his now defunct business empire.

Tapie, who is appealing against an eight-month jail term for rigging a football match when chairman of Olympique Marseilles, and a six-month term for tax fraud over a luxury yacht, will not appeal against this latest sentence. (Reuter)



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# Mongolian voters end 75 years of communist rule

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

AGAINST all predictions. Mongolia has voted resoundingly for the democratic opposition, ending 75 years of control by Communists and

"Now we'll have a truly democratic government, and we'll improve the lives of the people," said Gonchigdori, leader of the democratic coalition, after most of the results of Sunday's election were declared yesterday.

In what diplomats in Ulan Bator saw as a resounding vote for change in this second post-communist election, the general election committee announced that the opposition Democratic Union Coalitition had won 48 out of 71 seats so far declared for the 75-scal Great Hural, or parliament.

The ruling Mongulian Revolutionary People's Party (MPRP), the former Communists, had won 23 seats, as opposed to 70 held in the outgoing parliament. Results for the final five seats had yet to be compiled, election officials said. There was a rumout of more than 90 per cent.

The general secretary of the MPRP fell to a virtual unknown from the democratic coalition, which is composed of the National Democratic Party (NPD), which won 33 seats, and the Social Democratic Party (SDP) which took 12 seats. These parties have historically been rivals and their coalition is a marriage of convenience which will now have to be sustained in power.

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Non-party candidates in the chalition won three seats, "This is the choice of the nation." said an official at MPRP headquarters, in the

nearest the ruling party came to conceding defeat. Opposition candidates said the results surpassed their most optimisitie predictions. Earlier, they had said they would be content to win a third of the seats. Jubilant opposition supporters danced, hugged each other and wept.

In the 1992 elections, the

opposition gained six seats. However, foreign envoys said the democratic coalition, which campaigned for faster economic liberalisation and political reform, had its work cut out, given its lack of administrative experience and the parious state of the economy in this vast nation of 2.4 million mainly nomadic peo-ples, who live in a country the size of Western Europe with vast herds of sheep, goats,

cows, camels and horses. In 1921 a revolutionary gov-

Ulan Bator's love affair with Britain

ernment came to power in Ulan Bator with help from the young Soviet Union, and the Mongolian People's Republic was proclaimed in 1924. It had bloody purges in the 1930s.

Moscow's tutelage at least prevented Mongolia becom-ing, like Inner Mongolia and Tibet, part of China. But with the Soviet collapse, Moscow's grip on its remote satellite was broken. In the past few years, Mongoliana have rediscovered their magnificent history. and portraits of Genghis Khan, execrated by the former communist regime, are every-where and an Ulan Bator hotel and a Mongolian vodka are named after him.

A 1994 United Nations report said that privatisation in Mongolia had failed to create an environment in which the market mechanism could operate efficiently, and the tranhas led to inflation, shortages and unemployment, About 22 per cent of the people live below the poverty line and the average wage is £23 a month.

Yet the situation has recent ly begun to improve in this mineral-rich country, with increased foreign investment.

"I thought we would never see this victory," said an elderly man who was among the group of pro-democracy hunger strikers whose massive street protests helped to end one-party communist rule

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cheerful.

The First Lady can be seen walking

silently through the streets of George-

town, the middle-class district of

Washington where her daughter Chel-

sea is at school, free of the usual

entourage of aides and the press corps.

A respectfully distant team of Secret

Service agents provides the sole clue to

the identity of a woman almost unrecognisable in scarf and dark

White House aides say that her

incognito walks to deliver Chelsea to

Sidwell Priends School, and ambles to

the Corcoran Gallery and the Nat-

ional Zoo are part of a personal strategy to keep Mrs. Clinton's head above the morass of White-water, "Tra-

velgate", "Filegate" and "Gurugate".

helps her keep things in perspective."

one of Mrs Clinton's close friends told

Newsweek yesterday. After one recent

school visit, the First Lady and a

Seeing lots of ordinary people



Hillary Clinton meets child Aids patients at a Bucharest hospital yesterday. The treatment programme was set up by a British charity

# How Hillary keeps head above Whitewater

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON AND SEAN HILLEN IN BUCHAREST PLAGUED by perpetual scandal, Hillary Clinton is taking secret strolls year-old and an apparently ebullient Mrs Clinton returned to the White outside the White House, searching

House with the words: "It felt so the inner depths of her Christian faith and consulting a close coterie of Always a target for Republicans, her female friends in an attempt to remain life has been anything but normal in

recent months. She has been accused of hiding documents relating to the 6 The First Lady can be seen walking

silently through the streets, free of the usual entourage of aides and press 9

failed Whitewater land venture, cited as the architect of the sacking of seven officials in the White House Travel Office and alleged to have hired Craig Livingstone, the security chief who illegally collated FBI background files on more than 400 Republicans.

Kenneth Starr, the independent

on Mrs Clinton and, to make matters worse, she is now being portrayed as a New Age matron under the spell of Jean Houston, the self-styled Svengali of the baby boomers.

Her closest friends have apparently railled behind the First Lady in her times of trouble. They include the "bracelet people", a group of eight women who gave Mrs Clinton a birthday charm inscribed with each of their initials in 1993. Even among their

number, however, there is little solace to be found. Linda Bloodworth-Thomason, the Hollywood producer, is the wife of Harry Thomason, the man believed to have prompted the Travel Office sackings, and Diane Blair, a political scientist, is married to the man who helped Mrs Clinton to earn a suspiciously fast \$100,000 in cattle futures back in Arkansas.

The First Lady was able yesterday to forget her worries temporarily as thousands of Romanians crowded the centre of Bucharest to welcome her on ten-day visit to seven countries in Eastern Europe to pay tribute to the efforts of charities and other aid

Mrs Clinton said that, although it

communism, "progress is obvious, reflecting the tremendous efforts that have been made". Among the stops on the First Lady's tour were Colentina Hospital in Bucharest where about 100 children are being treated for Aids. after a series of projects were estab-lished by Health Aid UK. The British-based charity has trained Romanian staff, set up homes for the children and supplied the hospital with medications and other materials.

Mrs Clinton was later due to meet President Iliescu at Cotreceni Palace and also visited the grave of Corneliu Corposu, the Romanian dissident and

opposition leader who died recently.
On her solitary trip Mrs Clinton will have her strong Christian faith as a prop. "It's a driving force within her." said Dan Thomason, Harry's brother and Mrs Clinton's optometrist in Arkansas. Mr Thomason, a songwriter who pens Christian music, recently wrote a hymn and dedicated it to the First Lady when she visited the state earlier this year.

"I was lost, then you came and found me," he sang. "Take my hand, stay by me." When Mr Thomason took her to the airport, Mrs Clinton

### By Eve-Ann Prentice, diplomatic correspondent MONGOLIA and Britain guest of Malcolm Rifkind, the

have been conducting a longdistance, tentative, love affair since 1963, when Britain opened the first Western embassy in Ulan Bator.

The new Mongolian Government now has another reason to pursue a growing passion for Britain: President Ochirbat, who won the presidential election of June 1993 as a candidate for the democratic coalition, was feted when he visited Britain in April. A things British has become interest in investing.

Vietnamese

party keeps

old guard FROM REUTER

VIETNAM'S Communist Par-

Foreign Secretary, he met John Major, Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Min-ister, and had an audience with the Queen.

A royal connection with Ulan Bator already existed because the Princess Royal and Commander Tim Laurence paid an official visit to Mongolia weeks after Mr Ochirbat was elected. The country's appetite for all

apparent in schools this year. Russian has been demoted in favour of English.

Trade is still modest; Britain imported nearly £2 million worth of goods from the sparsely populated country last year, and exported £3 million in return — about 15 per cent up on the previous year. But Mongolians hope for greater trade links and British companies are reportedly beginning to show an

# Netanyahu nanny loses job 'over burnt soup'

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

BINYAMIN NETANYAHU yesterday paid the price of being Israel's first populist Prime Minister when his ty wrapped up its eighth congress yesterday with a revamped leadership, a dissacked nanny went to the cordant brass-band fanfare. media. It was a Cinderella tale that dominated the Hebrew and obedient applause from

1,200 weary delegates. Do Muoi, 79, was re-elected general secretary at the head of an expanded 19-member politburo. Also retained were President Le Duc Anh. 75, and Vo Van Kiet, 73, the Prime election campaign in May, threw her out on the street and Minister. Their positions will have to be ratified by the called her a "murderer" after a National Assembly, but the decision to keep them in the row over burnt soup. politburo means that they

continue alongside Mr Muoi as the country's leadership triumvirate. In a bizarre twist of party logic. Nguyen Dinh Tu. who died last Friday, was included on the new politburo list.

Congress delegates approved, as expected, a policy blueprint charting Vietnam's course into the 21st century. The five-year government plan endorses continuation of a reform process begun in the late 1980s, but with emphasis on national security and other measures aimed at ensuring

firm state control. Although a veteran revolutionary, Mr Muoi is seen as an important stabilising factor in a political landscape teeming with hardliners, the military. reformers and technocrats.

press and army radio. South African-born Tanya Shaw, 21, a new immigrant to Israel, alleged that Mr Netanyahu's third wife, Sara, a former El Al stewardess who played a leading role in his

The dispute cast an unexpected shadow over his trip to Washington next week. His two sons, Yair, five, and Avner, 18 months, are to travel with him and Sara and the nanny had been scheduled to

look after them. Maariv on its front page yesterday asked: "Why was the nanny ... sacked yesterday? Did she pose a security threat, as was claimed by the Prime Minister's office, or was it because she let the soup burn, thus stirring the wrath of Sara Netanyahu?"

The nanny, thrown out of the Netanyahus home by a guard, claimed that Mrs Netanyahu screamed at her "every day". She told army radio that Sara, 35, was obsessed with cleanliness, making her wash her hands repeatedly.

"Serious journalism should not be occupied with things like this, especially because it is only the word of the person who it is clear is a bit disturbed," the Prime Minister's new communications director, David Bar-Illan, a former editor of the Jerusalem Post, told the radio. His interviewer asked: "She is a little disturbed, you say?" Mr Bar-Illan: "I do not know. I have no idea. I do not know her." Interviewer: "So, if you do not know her, that is a serious

thing to say about a person." The interviewer claimed that since Mr Netanyahu's campaign and presidential style of office had thrust his wife and their two children



into the limelight, the media was obliged to cover his family life to the same degree. When Miss Shaw was

asked if she was disturbed, she said: "If anybody is unstable it is her [Sara] ... If I am so unstable, could she let me be with her children for six months?" Miss Shaw said when "Sara screamed at her" she had said: "Well, maybe I should go, I am giving you two weeks' notice. Sara said: Because you are leaving my children, you are like a murderer'."

An argument flared again and Sara Netanyahu ordered her out. Miss Shaw told the radio: "I was crying and I said to her, 'But what about my things?" She said: 'Get out, and if you want your clothes you must give me 5,000 shekels [£1,000]. She also had my passport because I was meant to go to America." The dea contract penalty clause.

the "Hillary Clinton" fashion. ings all photographs showing her with Mr Netanyahu.



Tanya Shaw: thrown out



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# Rich pickings for Asian billionaires

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

ASIA is fast challenging America's title as the "billionaire belt" of the globe, according to the latest survey of grade one plutocrats.

Two Americans, Bill Gates, of Microsoft computers, and market speculator Warren Buffett, headed the annual Forbes magazine list of billionaires. Their fortunes are worth \$18 billion (£11.7 billion) and \$15.3 billion respectively. In third place was a Swiss, Paul Sacher, of Roche pharmaceuticals. But Asians accounted for five of the ten richest men in the world. Of the 447 billionaires identified by Forbes, 123 are from Asia. "It's Asia's turn," said the magazine. noting that the continent which was

Second World War is now home to more than one in four of the world's great fortunes". The richest Asian was said to be Lee Shau-Kee, a Hong Kong property tycoon with \$12.7 billion to his name.

In a list of the world's richest families, Britain's food business managed to supply the 49th-placed Sainsburys, with \$4.1 billion, and the 81st-placed Garry

Westons with \$3.3 billion. The richest family in the world, with \$22.9 billion, is the Waltons, owners of the Wal-Mart shops in America. Worldwide sales of chocolate bars helped the Mars family to second place, with \$12

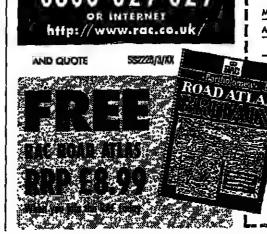
In the family stakes, Hong Kong property again provided boom stories.

The Kwok Brothers are estimated to have billion more than the Tisch brothers.

"largely a backward area at the end of the Second World War is now home to more built a fortune of \$5.5 billion, the Fongs (Teng and Robert Ng) have \$5.2 billion and tiny, pig-tailed Nina Wong and her estate have \$3.3 billion. There are 20 billionaire fortunes in Hong Kong, which next year will come under Communist Chinese rule.

The richest woman in the world, according to the survey, is Liliane Bettencourt, heir to the make-up empire of L'Oreal. She is worth \$5 billion.

Old American money names are still to be found, but many are less prominent than they were. The pharmaceutical du Ponts are still riding high with \$10 billion, but the Rockefellers must these days make do with \$6.2 billion, and the Kochs are worth only \$3.6 billion, \$0.4



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# When yellow signals danger for a baby

Jaundice in the newborn is sometimes far from harmless

SERIOUS liver disease in newborn babies is quite rare, which is just as well for the babies and their parents as we - doctors, midwives and nurses - are not good

at diagnosing it. The probable reason why so many cases of liver disease in babies are missed until too late is that jaundice is so very common in newborn children that there is a natural but sometimes lethal inclination to "wait

Nine out of ten babies become jaundiced on the second, third or fourth day after delivery. Their com-plexion is not necessarily bright yellow or muddy green, as is seen in cases of aundice witnessed in adult life. At first sight the baby looks as if it has a Mediterranean tan. Only when the whites of its eyes and its skin are inspected

yellow nature of the discoloration become obvious. Jaundice should have disappeared

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of life, if the baby was born on time and was of normal weight in small remature habies it should be gone

by the fourteenth day. Throughout the time when the baby is slightly jaundiced, it should remain well in every other way. Benign neonatal jaundice

results from the baby having an immature liver which is still unpractised in breaking down the yellow pigment bilirubin, coupled with a virgin gut which has not yet become inhabited by bacteria which would destroy the pigment. Small babies also have a faster turnover of red blood cells.

Benign neonatal jaundice is so common that it is frequently called physiological jaundice. It is of no clinical significance. How-ever, a baby who is born laundiced or develops laundice within 24 hours needs immediate attention, as does any baby who is jaun-

There is another form of benign jaundice, found in breast-fed babies, which also sometimes causes confusion and delay in diagnosis. Breast-fed babies are more jaundiced than bottlefed babies in the first two weeks of life and sometimes the condition does not clear after 14 days. It may, indeed, very occasionally be noticeable for several weeks. As

breast-fed babies are no less likely than bottle-fed ones to have serious liver disease, this jaundice needs assessing after the fourteenth day by means of a simple test on the baby's urine. In both these forms of benign jaun-dice, the urine should be free of the bilirubin pigment and of a variable colour, not always dark yellow but sometimes as pale as water.

The indications that jaundice in a baby needs immediate explanation, even if the baby is putting on weight, eating voraciously and appears to be thriving, are if the yellow skin colour lasts for more than 14 days, if the motions are unusually pale, if the urine is always very yellow and never colourless, or if the baby bleeds or bruises easily. The Children's Liver Dis-

Foundation recently met at the House of Commons to discuss the latest report on the condition. It made depressing reading for, despite an avof two learned papers on neonatal jaundice appearing in doc-

tors' journals each year for the past 15 STUTTAFORD vears, all of which stressed the need for early testing and referral to specialists of jaundiced babies, most were still being re-ferred too late to achieve good results.

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Catherine Arkiey, the director of the foundation, has good reason to campaign for improved diagnosis. One of her four children suffered from atresia obstruction of an underdeveloped bile duct. Although her son was seen at three weeks by a paediatrician, surgery was not undertaken until after eight weeks. It baby died at nine months.

Specialist surgeons need to operate on bables before they are eight weeks old. Unfortunately surgery takes time to arrange so the sooner the child reaches one of England's two supratric liver disease - the Birmingham Children's Hospital and King's College Hospital, London - the greater the chance of recovery.

The sad statistic is that in the first four years of life, liver disease still causes more deaths than either leukaemia or cystic fibrosis. The cost, whether in terms of family misery or NHS expenditure, is enormous.

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AUSSIA

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TALY Burial: £1,270. Hamburger: £2,50. Groceries: £100. Knickers: E5. Deodorant: E6. Suit £850. School fees: £8,000. Nanny: £192. Maid: £125. Car: £14,680. Cigarettes: £2.10. Beer: £3.40. Wine: £3.

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SWITZERLAND

Burial: £1,300. Hamburger: £1.60. Groceries: £188. Knickers: £7. Deodorant: £3. Sujt: £450. School fees: £750-£900 (not boarding). Nanny: £450. Maid: £310. Car: £13,200. Cigarettes: £1.95. Beer: £1.75.

PORTUGAL

Burial: £534-£1,150. Hamburger: 62p. Groceries: £205. Knickers: £3.70. Deodorant: El.23. Suit: £329. School fees: American school, £7,874. Brit-ish school, £9,241. Local school, £2,100. Nanny: £82. Maid: £92. Car: £7,693. Cigarettes: £1.31. Beer: £1.64. Wine: £2.46

SPAIN Burial: £1,000. Hamburger: £2. Groceries: £150. Knickers: £7. Deodorant: £3. Suit: £350.

School fees: £750. Nanny: £150. Maid: £112. Car. £17,000. Cigarettes: £1.60. Beer: £1. Wine: £2 INDIA

Burial: £20. Hamburger: £2. Groceries: £40. Knickers: £1. Deodorant: £2. Suit: £100. School fees £480. Nanny: £10. Maid £6. Car: £11,000. Ciga-rentes: 60p. Beer: 50p. Wine:

NORWAY Burial: El,000. Hamburger:

£4.50. Groceries: £85. Knickers: £4.50. Deodorant: £2.80. Suit: £110. School fees (only one private school, a sixth-form crammer, in country): £3,200. Nanny (student): £35, plus board. Maid: £200. 8 000 Cig £4.50. Beer: £3.70. Wine: £12.

MALAYSIA

Burial: £2,000. Hamburger: El. Groceries: £100. Knickers: E4. Deodorant: E2. Suit: £100. School fees: £3,000, Nanny: £50. Maid: £50. Car: £25,000. Cigarettes: El. Beer: £2. Wine:

CANADA

Burial: £2,000. Hamburger: 75p. Groceries: £75. Knickers: £5. Deodoran: £1.10. Suit: £300. School fees: £4,800. Very few pay fees, as the state schools are excellent. Nanny: £140. Maid: £200. Car: £10,000. Cigarettes: £1.40,

NEW ZEALAND

Beer: 55p Wine: £5.

Burial: £2,500. Hamburger: £1,50. Groceries: £80. Knickers: £6. Deodorant: £2. Suit £350. School fees (very few private schools): £6,000. Nanny: £250 (or a student for £40 pocket money). Maid: £125. Car: £12,000. Cigarettes: £2.50. Beer: £1.40. Wine: £8.

FRANCE

Burial: £1,500, Hamburger: 80p. Groceries: £187.50. Knickers: £5.40. Deodorant: £3.80. Suit: £362.50. School fees: £5,400. Nanny: £140. Maid: £207. Car: £6,500. Cigarettes: £2.30. Beer: £2.50. Wine: £4.40.

GREECE

Burial: £1,000. Hamburger: £2.30. Groceries: £244. Knickers: £4.30. Deodorant: £2.30. Suit: E244. School fees: £3,245. Nanny: £100. Maid: £81. Car: £12,170. Cigarettes: £1.50. Beer: £2.45. Wine: £3.80.



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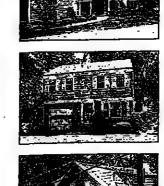
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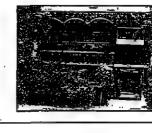
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# My six magic moments

**Terry Venables** picks his high spots from Euro 96 and tells Robert Crampton his strategies as the England coach

esides the short-term goal, so narrowly missed, of trying to win Euro 9h. Terry Venables had two longer-term airns for his stint as England coach. Both aims centred on forcing the English game to grow up, both aims were achieved and, in the years to come, both achievements may well prove to be more durably glittering prizes than the trophy Germany won on Sunday.

On the pitch, after the less than glorious reign of his predecessor Graham Taylor whose emphasis on industry saw England sink to 24 in the world rankings - Terry wanted to restore international respect for the nation that invented the game. The modemisation was to be achieved by bringing in flexible, intelligent players in the sort of fluid system he so admired in the Dutch team, Ajax, probably the best club side in the world. His thinking came to fruition, ironically, in the 4-1 demoli-tion of Holland. "We pulled Holland as far round the pitch that night as they normally buil other people," he says, "It particularly satisfying, if are a coach, if that sort of

ng comes together." is tactics for off-pitch emisation were more conersial. He sought to build bequeath a liberal mannagement regime approrate to the 21st century. This rimarily involved treating ne players as grown-ups and vas most evident in his modgrate indulgence of the players' traditional thirst quencher and relaxant of choice.

"The Germans have jugs of beer in their diet, the French. Spanish and Italians have wine. I've said to the team no drinking at all through the week, not one, and nobody did. But after the Switzerland game I gave them 36 hours at home, and a couple of them have been seen out having a few beers, and been slated. The other countries just laugh at us when that happens."

So does he think we have an immature attitude to alcohol? 'Oh it's just hopeless," he righs. These stupid articles were putting pressure on the players." Did he cancel plans or other furloughs? "No, the games were coming quicker hen. I wouldn't change anyhing if I could do it again. It's mportant the players feel

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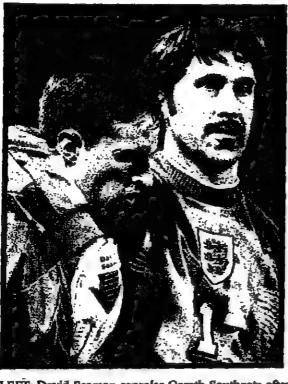


LEFT: The team photograph before the quarter-final. Venables said: "We were conscious of what we could give people from day one. Everyone talks about greedy players but no one can accuse these players of doing it for the money. They did it because they wanted to."

CENTRE: Stuart Pearce celebrates his penalty in the quarter-final shoot-out against Spain. "Pearcey showed six years of emotion in this moment, six years coming out of his head. I hope I'm there when



RIGHT: Paul Gascoigne celebrates his goal against Scotland with Teddy Sheringham. "I admired Gascoigne's goal as a spectator. never mind as a coach. I could never have done that as a player. I



LEFT: David Seaman consoles Gareth Southgate after his penalty miss, "Such a sad moment, I didn't believe we were going to lose that game against Germany. But it was collective responsibility. You've got to have players that want to take penalties."



CENTRE: Venables consoles Southgate. "I can't remember exactly what I said, I just tried to help. He'll be saddled with this feeling of responsibility through the summer but when he gets back to training they'll all be taking the mickey and he'll laugh in spite of himself."

RIGHT: Alan Shearer celebrates one of his five goals. "We were confirmed a lot of the feeling in the country, but when you go into the stadium and it erupts with that noise, it's worth being away just for that impact. It became like a team game between us and the fans."

RIGHT: Alan Shearer celebrates one of his five goals. "We were cut off from a lot of the feeling in the country, but when you go into that stadium and it erupts with that noise, it's worth being away just for

fresh and ready to go, that's why it was important to go away for those ten days to China and Hong Kong."

Does he not regret that pre-tournament trip, held responsible for the team's lacklustre second half against the Swiss? No. And I've not noticed any journalists saying it didn't take anything out of them. We've played two games, 120 minutes each in four or five days and no one's said 'Christ. the stamina's been outstanding'. How can you play world sport without travelling round the world?" Why didn't they go somewhere a bit nearer home. like Scandinavia? "Scandinavia's too close. The supporters might have come. The one thing we didn't want was a hooligan problem. We had to travel." This seems a surpris-

ing, if pragmatic, decision.

If Terry was forced to go 6,000 miles to escape an old problem, he was also seeking to provide a new education.

The World Cup in 2002 is being played in South Korea and Japan. He wanted the players to see something of the

Terry likes to plan ahead. His squad for Euro 96 was remarkably similar to the one he picked for his first game in charge more than two years ago. His selection throughout the tournament was consistent, his ideas on tactics commendably clear. "If you're looking for perfec-

tion, you want a team that doesn't give chances away, that makes a lot of chances itself, and that plays entertaining and exciting football. You look for talemed attacking players to defend and great defenders who can attack."

What Terry did was to identify players who were good enough and then coach them to do everything, and do it as a team, and do it at the appropriate time, something all the best teams have been doing for years. He regularly picked six or seven attack-minded players — which is why the Dutch and German games were such thrillers.

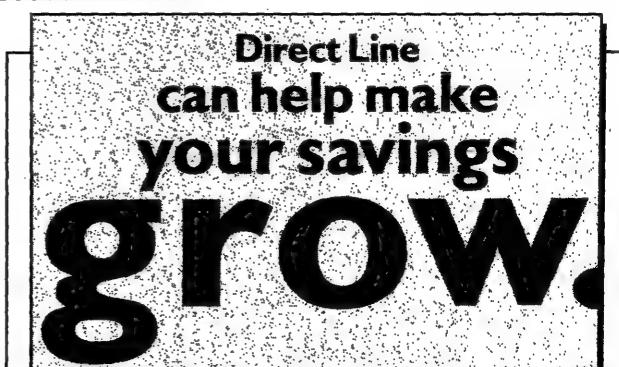
is methods sound simple. But encouraging Eng-lish footballers to adopt continental tactics different from the ones their day is difficult. Encouraging them to take those tactics home and begin behaving as maturely and intelligently as, say, Jürgen Klinsmann and Ruud Gullit do off the pitch can be difficult, too. And encouraging a benign and mature patriotism in a Wembley crowd is the most difficult task of all. It is almost as if Terry built a model of what it might be like to be English in the Europe of the next century determined, gutsy, passionate, but also adaptable, clever and skilful - and held it up for the country to have a look. His biggest achievement is that the country liked what it saw.

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# Why Dole can't play the war card

Diane Kunz on Vietnam, the

draft and class in America

espite Whitewater, Bob Dole still trails Clinton in the opinion polls. The Republican candidate has tried reinventing himself, resigning his Senate seat and renouncing his Washington identity. Nothing seems to work. Why then, has he not played the one card he does have - his record as a certified war hero? Dole may advertise his war wounds but he avoids emphasising his war service, even though it stands in total contrast to Clinton's

draft dodger rag.
The explanation for this failure says little about Dole and much about the last taboo in America — the subject of class. Almost no one doing their first degree at university during the years 1968-72 served in Vietnam and very few who were pursuing postgraduate study served, either. To criticise Clinton is to denigrate most American baby boomer politicians — of both parties. Dole is trapped - the Republican glass house is as

fragile as the Democratic one. How different it was during the "good war". The Second World War-vintage draft was a virtually universal male duty. To be a "draft-dodger" was a term of opprobrium. Far more common were the young men such as George Bush who lied about their age in order to serve in the armed forces.

The outbreak of the Cold War and the shooting conflict in Korea spawned a renewed draft, which continued after the Korean War ended in 1953. in peacetime, the two years' service was an easily accepted inconvenience. Yet this draft had a difference: Washington policymakers, obsessed with the space race and Soviet-American scientific competition, allowed plentiful student deferments. Anyone doing a first degree at university was exempt from the draft, as were postgraduates.

The commitment of American ground troops to combat in Vietnam in early 1965 catapulted the draft into a prime issue in American politics. One year later, the curbing of student deferments made it topic A on university campuses. No longer could students avoid the possibility of bloodshed by spinning out their academic careers. Instead, once they received their first degree. American men could look forward to an ominous letter from their local draft board. Whatever support the Vietnam War had on campuses quickly disap-peared as the prospect of an all-expenses paid trip to Saigon became a reality.

in an era where the cult of the individual had reached epic proportions, the privileged and articulate children of the upper class often con-cluded that it was more noble to avoid the draft than to acquiesce in a war in a faraway country of which they knew little. That much of the opposition to the war was principled in nature should not overshadow the plain fact that the university anti-war movement drew its strength from the widespread desire to avoid military service once the

It is no accident that major protests against the Vietnam War coincided with the cir-

cumscribing of student deferments. From 1967 to 1973 (when Richard Nixon ended the draft) the federal government accused more than 200,000 men of draft offences, more than 25,000 were indict-ed and over 10,000 men fled to Canada and elsewhere. But these numbers play down the reality of draft avoidance. Far more numerous were those who supported the war as long

as someone else fought it,

It turned out to be very easy

to escape the draft legally.

Until 1970, when the draft

lottery began, anyone at univ-ersity had a four-year grace period. Those with connections found various ways out. National Guard service accepting a posting in Dad's Army-type regiments that practised at weekends and in the summer — worked, as former Vice-President Dan Quayle can attest. Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker served his country by pursu-ing his doctoral degree in history. President Clinton's frantic manocuvres are well known. Phil Gramm, a former presidential contender, taught economics. Instructively, George Bush's sons (one of whom is now Governor of Florida, another Governor of Texas) did not go to Vietnam. Only Vice-President Al Gore stands apart. With political ambitions of his own and knowing that his father, Senator Al Gore Sr, a Vietnam dove, faced a difficult campaign for re-election. Al Jr ended up in Saigon.

o who served? Contrary to legend, the army was not made up of uneducated louts but rather boasted the proud sons of the American middle and lower-middle class. Younger than Second World War draftees, usually 19 or 20, they watched, embittered, as their more fortunate peers spent their youth fulfilling themselves Stateside. High school graduates outnumbered both high school dropouts and university graduates. (Black Americans served in proportion to their numbers in the general population.) The Vietnam vets were

the backbone of America - the white males who didn't make it to university and who now feel that the rapid changes in American life have disadvantaged them. These are the voters to whom Republicans successfully appealed in the 1994 election campaign. It was these angry, though no longer young, men who handed Republicans control over Congress for the first time in

The new crop of Republican leaders who will inherit the party after Dole's political demise want to win over these swing voters for ever. But Gingrich and company know that the draft issue will backfire. Vietnam-era draft service was a matter of class, and raising issues of class in a supposedly classless society is recipe for disaster, particularly when most Republicans will be found wanting too. So Dole will keep silent. He, too. has become a victim of America's longest war.

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# The cruelty of kindness

t used to be part of the warp and weft of national life: a proud institution with deep roots, working steadily towards better treatment for a powerless and exploited group. It sought consensus; it was fiery but fair.

This, however, was too boring for the activists. So they overran its committees, seized the initiative and incorporated impossible demands into its manifesto. In doing so they alienated swaths of its natural supporters until the proud old institution tottered. It took years for a painful, argumentative recovery to get under way, and during those years its old enemies flourished to perpetrate all the injustices which it was founded to

The history of the late 20th-century Labour Party is now being uncannily repeated in the history of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. An honest institution is being hijacked by extremism: those of us who grew up in a time when decent people automatically put money on the tip-up tray of those beguiling plastic dogs now hesitate, shake our heads and pass by.

For the RSPCA has already clashed with the Charity Commissioners over its intemperate political campaigns, and yesterday this paper reported another development in the battle for its soul. This centres on a proposed rule change which would exclude supporters of field sports. The British Field Sports Association has indeed been practising "entryism": its members have been joining the RSPCA in droves. But why not? Lord Mancroft. in his letter to The Times, points out that its supporters form "the largest number of dog and horse owners in the country, are responsible for the management of most of Britain's wildlife and a large proportion of its farm animals — exactly, you would think, the people you want in an

animal welfare charity". The RSPCA council wants to block these 88,000 potential members by requiring applicants to sign a declaration that they "do not participate in any activity which is considered by the Society to involve avoidable suffering to animals. Note those words "is considered by the Society". If they left those out, the RSPCA would be in the embarrassing posltion of chucking out anyone who eats mass-produced pork and bacon, battery eggs, farmed fish, turkey burgers, or products from dairy cows which stagger to bear the weight of

The RSPCA's capture by extremists is bad for animals — and country life

distended udders. They would have to ban users of medicines or house-hold products involving fish-oil, the "harvesting" of which starves puffins and other seabirds. They would exclude greenfield builders, residents of new estates, non-organic arable farmers, combine-drivers who decapitate dormice and anyone with a neat striped lawn. Or a car. Or an overbred (or overfed) dog. As for all the animals who cause needless suffering to other animals, they would never get a card: it is all very well being kind to foxes or magpies, but when you have seen a shredded hen or a lamb with-

out eyes, you wonder why you both-But no: the rule

covers only what is "considered by the Society" to be cruel. That means blood sports: fox-hunting. hare-coursing, shooting, falconry, ratting. It does not mean the tether-

of habitat or the denaturing of pets. It is a wholly artificial emphasis. it is also dated. Here, again, the RSPCA should look at what happened to old Labour when it forsook the moderate quest for social justice in favour of striking attitudes and saying "property is theft". For public opinion is changing. Eight years ago, surveys still measured a national opposition of 83 per cent to hunting. That was built on the ignorance and narrow sentimentality of the urban animal-lover of that era: which in turn (just to spread the abuse around

evenly) was fed by the long history of strangulated idiocy in defenders of

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country sports. Look back for a moment in the early 1980s I chaired a television debate on the subject, and the antis had all the best tunes. The British Field Sports Society sat glowering, confirming the general view that they they were thick, arrogant fat-cats in flat hats. One eventually stood up and said "Remember, it's not the huntsmen who kill the fox, it's the hounds", pronouncing it "hy-unds". Such dimwits, wrapped in old money and old land, provoked intemperate

populist attacks on all field sports. I cherish a particularly rich one in the Sunday People, where a secretary wrote to Dr Vernon Coleman complaining that her workmates ribbed her for being a hunt follower. His caring doctorly reply went "i am delighted that your life is miserable. I hope things get worse for you. The social psychopaths who hunt wild animals are intellectually deprived. parentally challenged, bloodthirsty port louts. People like you who go out and watch are even worse." He suggested she took up bungee-jumping and omitted to tie the rope. It was

the authentic voice of the animal libber. and it was, for a while, quite popuhave

Things moved on. The field-sports lobby have got themselves together, stopped sounding like Lord Snooty and begun

intelligently to make the case for their pastimes. A group of Labour supporters, galvanised by the party's commitment to ban fox-hunting, founded Leave Country Sports Alone: early supporters included David Puttnam. Jeremy Isaacs, Penny Mortimer and

Sir Dennis Foreman. in a powerful Open Space documentary a few years back they made, at last, the case for ordinary country people who live close to nature and animals and take their part in the eternally predatory chain of life. As one vet mused, the entire life of a wild creature consists of either hunting or being hunted, of flight and fight, so we might as well join in the game as long as we don't take unfair advantage

Which, of course, we do all the time in other ways: pollution. agrichemicals, development. The best argument of the new generation of campaigners is that without field sports, wildlife would suffer an appalling loss of habitat: the great arable prairies may be vegetarian but they wreck hedgerows and headlands and feed on killer chemicals. Like it or not, much native British wildlife now depends on the coverts. moorland, hedges, and wetland pre-

served only by field sportsmen. That argument swung me, and I am not untypical. I neither hunt nor shoot, am soft on moles and spiders, and haven't touched veal or battery eggs for years. Yet I accept that a minority of foxes, hares, ducks, pheasants and even stags should end their free outdoor lives at the hands of my bloodthirsty neighbours if it helps to keep the countryside varied and unpolluted. There is proof that this rueful acceptance is gaining ground: during the five years when the arguments have been properly aired. the number of those opposing field sports has fallen, in the polls Lord Mancroft quotes, from 83 per cent to 65 per cent. Even the RSPCA's own polls show it falling to the mid Seventies. Environmentalism and commonsense are slowly winning.

It follows that if the RSPCA keeps harping on field sports it will suicidally marginalise itself. There are those even on its present council who know this and fear it. If it becomes yet another shrill, anthropomorphic, veggie animal rights lobby it will lose its credibility, and probably its charitable status.

The crying shame is that we need it now as never before. The old RSPCA is still there, under the nonsense. Its local inspectors gallantly battle against thoughtless cruelties from puppy-farming to discarded ringpulls. It makes some effort for the welfare of farm animals: it set up the "Freedom Food" label in 1993 (although that has not been much of a success, with rocky finances and poor public recognition: it would have done better to endorse organic farming, and save habitat as well as farm animals). The RSPCA even works with the Humane Slaughter Association which, without glamour or fuss, improves the dying moments of food animals. This very week the HSA has a mobile slaughterhall at the Royal Show. By going to remote farms and sparing animals travel, that device will prevent more terror and exhaustion than any amount of hunt

saboteurs. The RSPCA supported it, which proves that its heart and brain are still there: but you won't catch its veggie leaders mentioning it. They would rather wave dead foxes in our faces and bring cases about the emotional trauma of goldfish. The parallel with old Labour is more and more irresistible: does the RSPCA really want to embark on years of embittered, splintered impotence?

# A smack of firm autocracy

Blair wants clear

red water, says

Woodrow Wyatt

Tony Blair has shown courage and skill in pushing Labour towards look-alike Toryism. He favours an autocratic approach, anxious to show that he offers "the smack of firm government". The phrase first appeared in an article by Donald McLachlan in The Daily Telegraph on January 3, 1956, in which he accused Anthony Eden, then Prime Minister, of indecisiveness. "To emphasise a point he would dench one list to smack the open palm of the other hand — but the smack is seldom heard." Thus it is with Blair's proposed constitutional changes for Scotland and Wales.

Originally, his followers accepted and understood that Scotland was to have its own legislature including the power to raise taxes; and that Wales was to have its own assembly. There was to be no referendum or consultation with the Scottish and Welsh on the subject. That was "the smack of firm government". But finding this none too popular in England, whence he must win a majority if he is to form a government, the Eden-style indeci-siveness reared its head. The referendum previously denied Scotland and Wales was to be granted and a majority of one would be sufficient to establish a Scottish parliament and a

Welsh assembly.
It is on constitutional change and Europe that Mr Blair intends to put clear red water between himself and Mr Major. At first glance referendums might be thought welcome. But those conducted on March 1 1979. under the aegis of the Government of James Callaghan (another indecisive character), contained a provision that on so serious an issue as devolution a simple majority would not be enough. If less than 40 per cent of those entitled to vote voted yes. devolution was out. Scotland's "yes" vote was only 32.85 per cent of the electorate, though it was slightly higher than the "no" vote at 30.78 per cent. In Wales the noes to devolution beat the yeses by 46.92 per cent to 11.92 per cent.

This makes Mr Blair's insistence on another Welsh referendum so absurd that Paul Flynn, Labour MP for Newport West, in a furious attack on Mr Blair, declared on the BBC Today programme yesterday that the main effect of another referendum would be to cause dangerous splits. That a simple majority of Scots entitled to vote would say yes to a Scottish parliament seems certain. A recent opinion poll even indicates that there would be a majority for a Scottish parliament having the power to raise its own taxation.

The Act of Union of 1701 left untouched Scotland's legal and education systems - both superior in many respects to those in England and Wales. The Westminster Parliament cannot vote to alter them. It is unthinkable that, after Scottish devolution. Scottish MPs should be allowed to vote on English matters. There are at present 49 Labour MPs sitting for the 72 Scottish seats (13 more than their population justifies when compared to England's). Devolution would mean there would never be another effective Labour government. Similarly, there are 40 Welsh constituencies, of which 27 are represented by Labour MPs. A devolved Welsh assembly should result in the number of Welsh seats being reduced to 34, making it still harder for a Labour government to be elected.

So, knowing all this, what will be autocrat Blair's next surprise somersault? Most probably an alliance with the Liberal Democrats with three or four places assured in the Cabinet of a Lib-Lab government plus the promise of proportional representation. This would infuriate great swaths of old Labour who might even refrain from voting.

minor constitutional change is worth making. There is no sense in having 24 bishops and two archbishops of the Church of England in the House of Lords, even though the majority of them may please Mr Blair by praising him for being more Christian than the Tories. The Welsh and Scottish Churches are disestablished and have come to no harm. If there are to be religious leaders in the Lords they should be selected by the authorities of all the religious concerned, including Roman Catholics. Jews, Muslims and Hindus, Otherwise the Lords needs no tinkering

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with. The most dangerous of all the constitutional changes Mr Blair in-tends is with regard to the European Union. The surrender to qualified majority voting and enthusiastic acceptance of the edicts of Brussels; the determination to join the exchange-rate mechanism and a single currency dragging us ever closer into a federated United States of Europe, would lose the United Kingdom all vestige of independence. Mr Blair is indecisive about his sincere conviction that Britain is declining by second, or third-rate nation status, For him it is in acceptance of German and French hegemony that our future 🦸 lies and he naively believes that this is also Washington's view. Fortunately, this feeble attitude is not shared by most of the British, who put their faith in trade across the seas from which we have a surplus, and not in trade with our EU partners with whom we usually have a deficit.

# Mother hen

THERE was no chance of a Cathay Pacific-style jump-up with Paul Gascoigne on his stag night at the weekend. The footballer, who was central to the frolics on England's return flight from Hong Kong before Euro 96, invited his mother Carol, 53, as guest of honour. There could have been no better

Firebrands such as the Middlesbrough manager Bryan Robson and Liverpool's Steve McManaman (always a man to take his shirt off) didn't dare put a foot wrong when the formidable lady was called in to party.



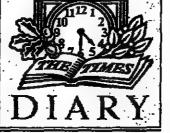
Mum's the word: Carol

Euro 96 final when Gazza emerged from the private suite at the Swallow Hotel in Waltham Abbey. where the stags were beginning to build up steam, and shouted in the direction of the bar: "Murn."

Mum was being summoned to watch video highlights of her son's performance in Euro 96. She emerged bearning an hour or so later and returned to the bar Her son ambled out only to visit the gents, accompanied by two bodyguards, and was safely tucked up in bed by 1.15am. Little wonder he was so chipper at breakfast the next morning, where he appeared clad only in boxer shorts.

# Cross court

THE NEW Lord of the Manor of Wimbledon may be forced to fight his corner just days after snapping up the title from Earl Spencer for £188,000. The Garter King of Arms, ultimate authority on matters heraldic, is investigating the coat of arms featured on the certificate of armorial bearings issued last week to its owner, who remains anonymous.



The arms features crossed tennis rackets and strawberries, a far cry from the armorial bearings described on the certificate - and even those are questioned by the Garter. "I am looking at this certainly. The document doesn't actually appear to make sense," he says. "It is distressing, to put it mildly. It gives the appearance of being official when it clearly isn't."
Robert Smith of the Manorial

Society, who conducted the auction, is not contrite: "It's not supposed to be official in any way," he

# Trumped

IN THE SPIRIT of Ivana Trump, Prince Michael of Kent has invited the press to his birthday party. Mrs Trump set the gold standard for self-promotion when she in-

vited all of her dear, dear friends in the media to her engagement party two years ago. Today Prince Michael will publicly wrestle fairy cake past his beard at the Grosvenor House Hotel as the birthday guest of the James Myatt Memorial Trust surrounded by "Shenda's exciting nudes" -- sadly not an exotic revue bar troupe but rather the works of the sculptor Shenda

News that Luciano Pavarotti is dieting on steamed fish and lemons has thrown catering arrangements for the Three Tenors concert this weekend into disarray. How



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down, he was the same shape.



LUVVIES turned out in their droves the other day to honour one of the toughest of backstage hands. Vi Marriott, indomitable theatre producer and backstage fixer, was celebrating 50 years in the busi-ness. She ran the Young Vic theatre for many years and is now in her

heartening to discover, then, that

Antonio Carluccio, a Covent Gar-den chef, is supplying the food. Carluccio was recently described

by a food critic as being so fat that,

whether standing up or lying

eighth decade.

Kathleen Griffin, who gave the young girl her first job as a secretary at the Old Vic. recalled her first tentative hours under Larry Olivier: "Vi was called down to take notes while Larry was auditioning. When she came back she couldn't read a word of her shorthand, 'Just make it up,' I said. 'I can't,' she said. Just then the internal phone rang and it was Larry. 'I've decided to scrub the lot.' he said. So Vi stayed."

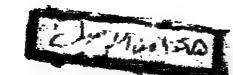
# Oh boy

WHEN football tickets hit the Roval Household, one ink-stained pair



of hands reaches them faster than any other. Lord Downpatrick. 7. son of Earl St Andrews, must be the keenest football fan within shooting distance of the Throne, In the sea of comatose expres-

sions in the royal box at Sunday's Euro 46 final, his Famous Five face peered over the shoulders of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. Like must impressionable young boys, he supports Manchester United, and wangled a sear for the FA Cup Final from his grandfather the Duke of Kent, president of the FA.





# **UNDER FIRE**

# Michael Portillo's privatisation deserves Tory support

Every institutional reform by this Government - from trade unions to nationalised industries - has been a struggle against insiders, vested interests and Labour MPs. Success, when it has come, has come because the radical reformers in the Conservative Party have stood together.

This week a Ministry of Defence reform which could improve both the national finances and the quality of service life is threatened by predictable opponents whose stance is rooted in the past. But Michael Portillo's plans to privatise the Armed Forces' married quarters are also under fire from Conservatives who would normally be expected to support such moves. The motives of Mr Portillo's opponents seem to be the advancement of the cause of his likely rival in a future Tory leadership contest, John Redwood. They should realise that attempts to sabotage the sale will bring unnecessary alarm to service families, damage to their party and a threat to the future effectiveness of the Armed Forces.

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Soldiers, sailors and airmen have had to endure change at an uncomfortable pace over the past five years. The enforced economies of Options for Change and Front Line First have added to the strains that service life already imposes on the military. Retrenchment has been no less difficult for being necessary. The privatising of married quarters ought to be a source of hope for better lives ahead. Instead it has aroused only further fears of upheaval.

The sale of service housing will release £100 million for refurbishment, money the Treasury would not otherwise spend. Soldiers' families in the MoD's more dilapidated properties will experience some long overdue upgrading. Morale has indeed been tested by recent changes. There is a clear need for improvement in the lives of military families. If privatisation were thwarted these aims would be threatened.

This does not seem to have been well explained by the MoD and service chiefs. Families see themselves uprooted for the convenience of commercial landlords. They accept that service life demands mobility. They have been told the terms under which the MoD will lease back property, the guarantees that service families will live in coherent, secure communities at rents fixed by the same independent review body which guarantees service pay. But they are distrustful - and their distrust is fuelled by politicians who should know better.

There is no justification, in principle, for the State to own soldiers' houses. Indeed the MoD has proved a highly inefficient landlord with 12,000 of its 58,000 homes empty. Conservatives fought throughout the Eighties to establish that the operation of the market and the vigour of the private sector were the best guarantee of quality. Margaret Thatcher's followers believed that the State should act as enabler, not provider. Labour may no longer believe in nationalisation; its advocates appear still, however, to survive on the Conservative back benches.

Several Tory MPs associated with John Redwood's leadership bid last year have been leading the campaign against privatisation. They may consider that they are doing Mr Redwood a favour by undermining Mr Portillo on this and other issues. They are almost certainly wrong. Their actions run counter to Mr Redwood's own words and the broader Tory principles which he courageously fought for last July. In The Times last August Mr Redwood put the case for the sale of MoD homes to free money for tax cuts, arguing that empty properties in his own part of Berkshire were a permanent scar on the village".

The sale of property could help towards both the tax cuts advocated by Mr Redwood and the home improvements promised by Mr Portillo: in either case a sound Thatcherite policy would lead to the impeccably Disraelian goal of an improvement in the condition of the people. Opponents of the current privatisation are undermining the philosophical platform from which any future revival of the Conservative Party should be launched, as well as imperilling the capacity of the MoD to establish its own priorities and defend itself from future Treasury incursions. Tory MPs who believe in strengthening Britain's defences should be defending this policy.

# **MONGOLIAN RENAISSANCE**

# Lessons to be learnt from a triumph of democracy

Boris Yeltsin's health is again an electoral onstrators gathered in bitter midissue in Russia, a reminder of the fragile state of democracy there. The difficulty Russia is experiencing contrasts sharply with the experience of its neighbour, Mongolia. where a youthful band of democrats swept to unexpected victory in Sunday's parliamentary elections, winning two thirds of the seats in the Great Hural.

Mongolia had all Russia's excuses and more for clinging to the old guard. Poor and almost devoid of modern infrastructure, its pursuit of market reforms has been accompanied by severe hardships. In most ex-Communist countries there has been a pattern of voter rejection for reforms just when they began to yield dividends: Mongolia seemed likely to follow the trend.

The governing ex-Communist Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party (MPRP) was expected to win easily because it courted voters with promises to slow the pace of reforms and bring in generous social welfare programmes. The most optimistic prediction of international observers was that the Opposition - which had won only six out of 76 seats in 1992 - would eain enough ground to make multiparty politics more than a slogan. These remarkable people, with a population of only 2.3 million in an area the size of Europe, voted instead for a democratic coalition which intends to speed up economic liberalisation and introduce further political reforms.

With this result, Mongolia has triumphantly confirmed its place in the vanguard of peaceful democratic change in Asia. It is barely six years since thousands of demdemand reforms - beginning with the privatisation of their precious herds. Few of those protesters imagined that they would live to see their dream of a firmly democratic Mongolia answered. But revived patriotism and political reform rapidly became firmly entwined in the popular mind - a process in which the rehabilitation of Genghis Khan, the great 12th-century Mongolian conqueror, played an important part.

In 1993, as the candidate of the opposition Social Democratic Party, Punsaalmagin Ochirbat was elected President. On Sunday. in a carnival atmosphere, 87.3 per cent of voters dressed in their traditional clothes galloped miles across the steppes to the white-tented polling booths to finish the job.

Older voters clung to the MPRP but the young overwhelmingly supported a coalition whose leaders, Elbegdorj and Gonchigdorg, are 33 and 42 respectively. The questions they asked of the MPRP during the campaign were why so many large enterprises remained in state hands, and what they intended to do about bureaucratic corruption. The result frees Mongolia from its uneasy cohabitation between a firmly democratic President and a Communist Government. It is now a country that will uninhibitedly welcome the international investment it sorely needs.

President Ochirbat has appealed to Britain, which was for many years the only Western Government to maintain an embassy in Ulan Bator, to take a lead in buttressing its recovered independence. That appeal merits full-hearted support.

# **MARRIAGE A LA MODE**

# When Shezza weds Gazza nuptial etiquette goes razzmatazza

With most of the rest of the country, we send our good wishes for married happiness to Paul and Sheryl Gascoigne (née Failes) after their wedding yesterday. Odds offered by national bookmakers on how long their arrangements will last are in poor taste. So too is the question about the curse of Hello!. the glossy magazine, which bought exclusive rights to photograph the happy occasion for £150,000 and is reputed to bring bad luck on the celebrities it celebrates so uncritically.

We are not ever concerned here about whether the marriage contract included a clause granting exclusive photographic and easy-question rights in any subsequent divorce. We are worried much more about how one behaves if one is invited to a Hello! wedding as glamorous as that of yesterday. No conventions are more complex or change faster than nuptial ones. Neither Debrett nor Emily Post now has all the answers.

If, for example, the bridegroom sets a fashion by wearing a gold brocade kneelength frock-coat, what should the best man wear? Should male guests show laddish solidarity by wearing designer strips and colour-coded team cravats? And what about hats? Do they have to be worn back-to-front? Who can kiss the bridesmaids? Or are they expected simply to jump up and down and

Because the big excitement at Hello! is in your souvenir programme. hug and kiss one another?

exclusive photographic rights, guests should expect to pass by posses of bulging, blacksuited photographic consultants. How then should amateur snappers best smuggle in their personal Nikons, camcorders and mobile telephones? If a mere guest happened to be in line for the perfect warm-up picture of the happy couple, which rival publication is the most discreet in accepting the negatives - and which pays the most?

Even to get into the Hello! wedding, one must run the gauntlet through crowds of celebrity-hunters. The old etiquette of waving an invitation and muttering to an usher whether you sit on the side of bride or groom is no longer adequate. The serious guest must be ferried through tight security in a white stretch limousine with darkened fanfrustrating windows.

Of course, the whole of an exclusive, secluded Jacobean-style "manor" hotel has to be hired for the occasion and guarded by private police with walkie-talkies. A celebrity chef with stars from Michelin should be engaged. Is it still considered bad form for guests to follow the example of racing drivers and spray each other with champagne or lager? Should speciators throw their customary paper missiles from the terraces or will confetti do? Answers please, with sincerest best wishes, on the back of

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR 1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

### Cost of waste to NHS efficiency

From the Chairman of the Glan-y-Mor NHS Trust

Sir, At the 1980 annual representatives meeting of the BMA in Newcastleupon-Tyne, the then chairman of council, Tony Grabham, made an impassioned plea for a massive injection of cash to save an allegedly collapsing NHS. The cost of the NHS in 1980 was Ell.95 billion.

In 1996 we have a similar speech from the present chairman, Dr Sandy Macara, using the emotive prophecies of NHS doom and seeking an additional Eb billion. The cost of the NHS is now £46 billion and rising.

If we compare UK spending on health with that of Western Europe and the US and any expending below the NHS is now £46 billion and rising.

and the US and our position in the several leagues of health indicators, it can be seen we have an efficient health service on which simply spending more would not produce major health

In 1980, I opposed Tony Grabham's proposition, suggesting that the pro-lession could not ask for more money until we used what we had more wisely, by eliminating waste, ineffective treatment, over-prescribing and overinvestigation. My position remains

Although reformed and considerably more efficient, a significant percentage of senior doctors in the major disciplines have ignored the clinical audit initiative and wasted the millions spent upon it, despite pleas from the Royal Colleges for their involve-

The current financial year will be a desperately difficult one, for the annual cost-improvement programmes, unfunded productivity increases and partially funded pay awards have eliminated much of the "fat" within the organisation.

However, Dr Macara will only have my full support when he assures me that the clinical professions, cooperating with management, have en-sured that their work is both clinically and cost effective.

Yours faithfully, RUSSELL HOPKINS, Chairman. Glan-y-Mor NHS Trust. Trinity Buildings, 21 Orchard Street, Swansea. June 25,

# Netanyahu's pledges

From Mr S. A. Moid

Sir. You say in your leading article, "Misreading Netanyahu" (June 24), that the Arab summit "was called in panic response to the ascendancy of Likud" and suggest that it made a "rush to judgment" without giving time for "the emerging pragmatism" to develop. This ignores Mr Netanyahu's repeatedly declared commit-ments to reversal of the agreements made for Arab-Israeli peacemaking.

He pledged construction of new settlements, seen as obstacles to Palestinian independence, and made clear that he does not intend to return the occupied Golan Heights or Arab east Jerusalem (report, June 17), and his new right-wing Government made "proposals for watering down the commitment to withdraw from Hebron" (report, June 22).

His willingness, as you noted, "to talk without preconditions" is itself an unacceptable precondition that premon Peres on the basis of "Land for Peace" be ignored.

Yours sincerely, S. A. MOID (Director General). International Centre for Islamic Studies. ICIS House, 144-146 King's Cross Road, WCL

# MPs' pay rise

From Mr Granville Davies

Sir, it contravenes all good industrial relations practice that MPs should be allowed to vote in their own pay rise (report, June 28) and goes against all precedents for less privileged employ-

ment groups.

They should, like others, be subject to control by some higher authority, perhaps the House of Lords, who would then rule against their award in the light of public interest, permitting MPs then to do the usual thing and go on strike to defend their in-

Peace and prosperity would then be

Yours sincerely.
GRANVILLE DAVIES. 5 Warren Wood, Warren Road, Crowborough, East Sussex.

# Tower environs

From Mr Christopher Rouse Sir, I have been involved in building

four and five-star hotels on three continents. In no case have fees for feasibility studies exceeded £30,000. Could someone please explain

where the £500,000 being contributed by the National Lottery to the costs of studying the Tower of London environs and the flooding of its moat (leading article, June 25) is being spent? It must be a very large plug-hole.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER ROUSE, Flat One, 9 Colcherne Road, SW10.

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# Complaints about solicitors and protection of the public

From the Director of the Solicitors Complaints Bureau

Sir. Once again, the solicitors' profession and its regulatory body are the fo-cus of criticism (report, June 13; let-ters, June 19 and 25) and the unparalleled service they offer clients is over-

Yet it is solicitors who fund the Soli-

citors Complaints Bureau to ensure that complaints about themselves and their colleagues are investigated at no charge to the client. They also fund the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal. Both organisations recognise the impor-tance of lay representation in the decision-making process, and both have an established policy of involving lay members in their procedures, to act as the voice of the public. The Bureau's replacement body — the Office for the Supervision of Solicitors — will build on this policy.
In addition, the profession's regula-

tor is overseen by the Legal Services Ombudsman - an independent observer dedicated to redressing any imbalance in the system in favour of solicitors. Solicitors pay significant amounts each year into the compensation fund to safeguard clients and re-place moneys stolen by the tiny minor-ity of dishonest colleagues. The Law Society offers the public a free review of their solicitors' charges.

The list goes on. The profession, instead of knocking these procedures, should be proud of them.

Yours faithfully, PETER ROSS, Director, olicitors Complaints Bureau, Victoria Court, 8 Dormer Place, Learnington Spa, Warwickshire. From Dr Paul Edwards

Sir. It was encouraging to read of a solicitor (Mr Gavin Stewart, letter, June 29 advocating the abolition of the Solicitors Complaints Bureau. Complaints against solicitors have steadily risen over the past 16 years, reaching some 20,000 a year, and substantially evidenced independent reports have consistently identified the inadequacy of self-regulation of soli-

However, Mr Stewart's alternative remedies must be regarded as being as illusory as the SCB. Solicitors are reluctant, almost to the point of prohibition, to act against other solicitors, which effectively deters clients from initiating legal action, whether in the courts or with the disciplinary tribu-nal; and the Legal Services Ombudsman has no powers with which to enforce any ruling he makes against the over-subscribed incarnations of Messrs Sue. Grabbit and Runne.

Yours sincerely, PAUL EDWARDS, 248 Toller Lane, Bradford, West Yorkshire.

From Mr Colin Peters

Sir. Mr Gavin Stewart claims that if he cheats he can be prosecuted and sued, and if he is negligent, again he can be sued. He says that "loss made through my dishonesty will be made good by my fellow solicitors". All of this would be true if we lived in a perfect world.

Unfortunately we do not, which is why an independent regulatory body is so badly needed to protect the public

actions, if their true extent were known, would bring the whole of the

profession into disrepute. is it possible that around 20,000 complaints a year to the Solicitors Complaints Bureau are without justi-

fication and completely unfounded? Yours faithfully, COLIN PETERS (Northern Co-ordinator, Litigant in Person Society), 20 Halesworth Crescent, Holmewood,

From Mr Michael Champion

Bradford, West Yorkshire,

Sir. It is not surprising that Mr Stew-Brt. a solicitor, wishes the Solicitors Complaints Bureau to be abolished without replacement, in a match between Gentlemen and Players, everyone knows that the professionals always win, unless put under a proper

handicap. Most solicitors strongly advise their clients against litigation, unless they have a very deep pocket, or are receiving legal aid. Mr Stewart's advice to dissatisfied clients to sue their solicitors will be met with wry amusement by those who have tried it.

Until the legal profession recognis-es that its forlorn reputation can never be recovered without the introduction of impartial, non-legal means of redress against malpractice, even a toothless body like the SCB is bener than nothing.

1 am, Sir, your obedient servant, MICHAEL CHAMPION, 102 Milton Park, Highgate, No.

Morality and faith

From the Reverend A. G. Fitzpatrick

Sir, I and my congregation much appreciate Nigella Lawson's article June 26; see also letters, June 29] and

indeed the excellent "What we believe"

series (June 24-26). As Unitarians with

a wide spectrum of beliefs, but having

in common the opportunity to come

together to deepen our spiritual awareness, we would admit that

amongst us are a number of atheists.

Ms Lawson is correct in saying that "Religion gives rules". For the Unitar-

ian such rules require a great "sense

of morality ... within oneself. The "afterlife" is of little import to most of

Christianity is demonstrably too

narrow and hidebound by creeds and

dogmas written nearly 2,000 years

ago. Unitarians believe their faith is

Edmund Kell Unitarian Church,

for the 21st century.

(Unitarian Minister),

Belle Vue Road.

Yours faithfully, AUSTIN FITZPATRICK

Southampton, Hampshire.

# Saving Becket's casket for the nation

From the Director of the National Art Collections Fund

Sir. As director of this long-established art charity which is dedicated to "saving art for the nation", I feel I must address Simon Jenkins's re-marks about "toff chauvinism" ("Great art knows no borders", June 29; see also leading articles, June 28. July 1; letters, June 20, 26, 29).

Simon Jenkins believes that the Becket casket is "not a national treasure" and misleadingly suggests that those of us who are trying to save it are doing so in order to miliation to British pride".

Our fund is committed to saving Becket's casket because, properly displayed, it will mean far more to a British audience than it ever could to any foreign one. Not only is it a wonderful ly evocative object, but it is also an immensely potent work of art and a piece of living history — our history which, let us recall, is an amalgam of the French and Anglo-Saxon. The casket is not unique, but it is the earliest and

largest example of its kind, marvel-lously preserved and beautifully crafted.

If the V&A succeeds in purchasing it. then the casket will certainly attract visitors from up and down the country. These will not be the "patriotic hordes" envisaged by Simon Jenkins. but people who come to be moved and inspired by its beauty, history and

To speak of idolatry, hyperbolic or otherwise, is to miss the point. The casket was made to enshrine an ideal, not just some relics which may or may not have been genuine - an ideal of spiritual devotion which matters as much today as it did 800 years ago. Our "heritage", if it means anything, surely embraces more than the Crown

Yours faithfully. DAVID BARRIE, Director, Millais House, 7 Cromwell Place, SW7.

# Dawn of time

From the Acting Honorary Consul of the Republic of Kiribati

Sir, Readers of Norris McWhirter's article, "The dawn of a new age" (June 24; see also letter, June 27), will have gained the impression that the Government of Kiribati had changed the International Dateline in an opportunistic attempt to cash in on the

Caroline Island is the easternmost of eight islands which form the Line Islands group. Under the previous dateline, both that group and the Phoenix Islands group were in a time zone a full day ahead of the Gilbert Islands group and Banaha, which are the remaining parts of the country. It is true, as Mr McWhirter states, that Caroline itself is not permanently inhabited; but other of the Line Islands (including Christmas Island) have resident populations and are important contributors to the national eco-

I doubt that the views of the inhabitants of what is now the state of Kiribati were foremost in the minds of those involved in the 1884 International Meridian Conference, or even since Britain did not formally declare the islands to be a protectorate until 1892 and a colony in 1916 - that the 1884 conference was quite sure what bits of the territory (which achieved its independence in 1979) belonged to

Whoever has the right claim to the

millennium dawn, I think you must

one part of a nation is located in a different day from the rest; and that the action of President Tito's Government in remedying the nonsense is long overdue. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL WALSH,

Acting Honorary Consul, Republic of Kiribati, The Great House. Rhydderch, Monmouthshire.

# Counting the years

From Professor R. A. Weale

Sir. Sir David Blunt's quest (letter, June 27) for a new word for 1,000 years rests on the assumption that the current millennium started in 1001. But if, as is likely, forty or so generations ago, people were as innumerate as we are today, it must have started a year too soon, and no new word for millennium is required.

The problem seems to go back to the Romans, who had no symbol for zero. The fact that the next millennium also starts a year too soon is just one more triumph of a basically anti-decimal

Yours very truly, ROBERT WEALE. 5 Windmill Hill, Hampstead, NW3.

sues. The Broadcasting Bill provides a

The new Broadcasting Standards

Commission is being created by merg-

ing the Broadcasting Standards

Council and Broadcasting Com-

plaints Commission at a saving of

£400,000. This body will be limited to

dealing with taste, decency and pri-

vacy. We believe that consumer re-

search needs to go much wider than these admittedly important issues.

The money saved could fund such a

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may be sent to a fax number -

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Yours faithfully,

Acting Director,

ROBIN SIMPSON.

National Consumer Council

20 Grosvenor Gardens, SWI.

unique opportunity to do this.

### listeners' interests in these complex is-Broadcasting Bill

Front the Acting Director of the National Consumer Council

Sir, We agree with the Campaign for Quality Television (letter, June 27) that the Government should ensure that quality is taken into account by the Independent Television Commission when it is awarding licences for the new digital television services.

The true measure of a successful broadcasting industry rests with the opinions and experiences of viewers and listeners. Undoubtedly, quality is a critical issue for both, but we have additional concerns: access to the new services, picture quality, the future of public service broadcasting, the effects of pay-to-view television on "freeto air" services, the timing of the current analogue system switch-off, the future of the BBC licence, and much more.

This council believes that there is an urgent need for an independent body to research and promote viewers' and

us, but the way we live our lives is of supreme import. Our faith is historically founded in Christianity but has grown and developed.

Jewels or Churchill's hat. National Art Collections Fund.

June 26. accept. Sir. that it is a nonsense that From Mr Andrew McWhirter Sir. Nigelia Lawson writes: "One is

constantly being told how offensive is a lack of faith to believers." Frankly, I find this statement hard to believe but, as a Christian. I do find offensive the criticism of my faith by atheists. In nine out of ten instances the shortcomings of the organisation (eg. the Church) are wrongly laid at the door of the faith itself.

Nigella Lawson seems to be equating humanism with atheism. Humanism, whilst atheistic (or agnostic), is a creed: it advocates a system of morality and a basis for that system. Atheism, by itself, advocates nothing and is, therefore, "nihilistic".

My faith is my faith. I deserve to be criticised not for following it, but for failing to follow it. This applies equally to the adherents of all moral faiths. Yours faithfully,

ANDREW MCWHIRTER, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

From Mr M. E. H. Robinson

Sir, I was horrified to read Jostein Gaarder (The three great guides". June 24). It is sad to read that he is a member of the Lutheran State Church of Norway and yet he does not seem certain whether or not he will go to Heaven. What is more worrying is that he reveals that he would like to meet Jesus alongside Socrates and Buddha, as if there is any comparison.

He asserts that Jesus is "the most important moral philosopher of all" but is not sure whether he is the son of God. This opinion is not open to us: either Jesus was who he said he was the son of God - or he was a liar. in which case he cannot be "the most important moral philosopher of all".

Yours faithfully MIKE ROBINSON. Barn Close,

Beetham, Milnthorpe, Cumbria, June 24.

# Risk assessment

From Mr Tom Baldwin

Sir, Yesterday I saw a man standing bare-headed in the midday sunshine while using a mobile phone and smoking a cigarette. Would anyone care to estimate his life expectancy?

TOM BALDWIN. 32 Ellesmere Drive, South Croydon, Surrey. June 25.



# **COURT CIRCULAR**

PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE July I: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this morning in the Throne Room of the Palace of Holyroodhouse received Her Maiesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Edinburgh (Mr Eric Milligan, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost) and Members of the City of Edinburgh District Council, when the Rt Hon the Lord Provost surrendered to Her Majesty the Keys of the City, which The Queen returned to him. Her Majesty later received the Hereditary Keeper of the Palace of

Holyroodhouse (the Duke of Hamilton and Brandon). The High Constables of the Palace of Holyroodhouse were on

duty.
The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief. afterwards presented New Colours to the 1st Battalion, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's) at Redford Barracks and was received by the Colonel (Malor-General David Thomson). Her Majesty was received on the Parade Ground with a Royal

After the presentation The Queen was graciously pleased to address the Battalion and the Commanding Officer (Colonel An-

drew Graham) replied.

Her Majesty toured the Barracks, meeting members of the Regiment and their families, and afterwards honoured the Regiment with her presence at Lun-cheon in the Officers' Mess.

The Queen this afternoon opened the new Scottish Office building at Victoria Quay, Leith, and was received by the Rt Hon the Lord Provist, the Rt Hon Michael Forsyth MP (Secretary of State for Scodand) and Sir Russell Hillhouse (Permanent Under-Sec-retary of State, Scottish Office).

Her Majesty toured the building and afterwards attended a

# The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, today attended Receptions at the Palace of Holyroodhouse to present Awards to young people who have achieved the Gold Standard in The Duke of

Edinburgh's Award. His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, gave a Reception at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, The Duke of Edinburgh after-

wards attended a Luncheon at the offices of the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organis-ation, Rutland Square, Edin-

burgh.
His Royal Highness, Patron and
Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's
Award, this evening attended a
Dinner at Edinburgh Castle. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** 

July I: The Princess Royal, Patron, Spinal Injuries association, this evening attended a joint fund-raising Charity Race Evening with Racing Welfare at Windsor Racecourse and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the Royal County of Berkshire (Ma Philip Wroug ST JAMES'S PALACE

July 1: The Prince of Wales this morning received the President of the French National Assembly (Monsieur Philippe Séguin). KENSINGTON PALACE

July I: Today is the Anniversary of the Birthday of The Princess of

KENSINGTON PALACE July 1: The Duke of Glouces today visited France and attended Ceremonies of Remembrance to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Buttle of the Somme. VORK HOUSE

July I: The Duke of Kent, President, this afternoon received Sir Michael Vernon, Chairman, Royal National Lifeboat Institution, at York House, St James's Palace.

# Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a service of installation of the Knights of the Thistle, St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, at 11.30; and will give a Thistle luncheon at the Palace of Holyroodhouse at 1.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, Outward Bound Trust, will attend a Patron's Company Presentation at the Northern Lighthouse Board, George Street, Edinburgh, at 4.00. The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall will visit new harbour facilities at St Mary's, Isles of Scilly, at 10.45; will visit the Scillonian Club to mark its 75th anniversary at 11.10; will view construction on the largest new boat to be built on the Islands for some years at Porthloo Boat House at 11.40; and will open Normandy House, St Mary's, a new housing wall Housing Association, at 12.10. The Princess Royal, as President of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, will attend the Royal

Show at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, at 10.20. The Duke of Gloucester will visit the Royal Agricultural Society

show at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire,

The Duke of Kent, as President of the Stroke Association, will present Palace at 11.45; and, as president,

will attend the Automobile Association Committee annual dinner at Brooks's at 7.30. The Duchess of Kent will attend the Wimbledon championships at

### Malvernian Society Awards

Malvern College is pleased to amnounce that Malvernian Society Awards to entry candidates of outstanding all round ability have been made to Rhiannon Price of The Downs School, Colwall, and Guy Stamp of Bilton Grange School, Dunchurch,

### The Pilgrims' School, Winchester

The Governors of the Pilgrims' School are pleased to announce the appointment of the Revd Dr Brian Rees as Headmaster. Dr Rees will take up his appointment in September 1997 when the present Headmaster, Mr Michael Kefford. retires. Dr Roes is currently Headmaster of Bedford Preparatory



The Queen braving torrential rain yesterday as she inspected the 1st Battalion. The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at Redford Barracks, Edinburgh, before presenting new colours to the battalion.

### Premium Bonds

The £1 million prize in the Premium Bond draw for July was won with bond number 35FW 480022. The winner lives in Buckinghamshire, and has a bond holding of £4.555.

### Birthdays today

Lord Beloff, 83; Mr Kenneth Clarke, QC, Chancellor of the Exchequer, S6; Lady Crawshay, former chair-man, Local Government Bound-ary Commission, Wales, 69; Sir Hugh Cubitt, former chairman, The Housing Corporation, 68: Mr. Justice Dalgety, 51: Viscount Dunluce, 29: Miss Jerry Hall, model, 40: Mr. Ian Irvine, chairman, Reed Elsevier, 60: Lord Mackay of Clashfern, 69: Mr. Dennis Marks, persenal directors. Dennis Marks, general director, English National Opera. 48; Mr Ferdinand Mount, Journalist, 57; Lord Owen, CH, 58; Lord Sieff of Brimpton, 83; Mr George Simpson, chief executive, Lucas Industries, 54: Dr Maurice Slevin, oncologist, 47: Mrs Ann Taylor, MP, 49: Mrs Elspeth Thomas, chairman, Brit-ish Red Cross, 59; Mr John Timpson, broadcaster, 58.

# Luncheon

Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company Mr Richard F.H. Vanderpump,

Master of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company, pre-sented the company's 1996 certifi-cate and prize for meritorious work to Miss Melissa Cheeseman. the company's apprentice and a student of the Royal School of Needlework, at a court luncheon held yesterday at Innholders' Hall. Mr Peter Padley-Smith, Warden. and Mr Michael Druitt also spoke. The Master of the Scriveners' Company and the Principal and the Bursar of the school were among the guests.

# Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League Mr Roderick Lakin was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Elizabeth Cresswell presided.

# **Dinners**

The Speaker The Speaker gave a dinner last night at Speaker's House in hon-our of M Philippe Seguin, Presi-dent of the French National Assembly. The French Ambas-sador was present. The other

guests were:
Lord Howe of Aberavon, CH, QC, Mr
Michael, Marris, MP, and Mrs
Morris, Mr John D Taylor, MP, and
Mrs Taylor, Sir George Young, MP,
and Lady Young, Mr Joe Ashton, MP,
and Mrs Ashton, Mr Jack Aspirwall,
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Mrs Devin, Mr Hugh Dykes, MP,
and Mrs Dykes, Mrs Helen Liddell,
MP, and Dr Alistar Liddell, Canon
Donald Gray, M Regis Huguet, Miss
Roseanne D'Relliy, Mrme Canole
Payen, M Francois Pinte, Mr
Anthony Layden, Miss Mary Penney,
Mr Howard Sparr and Mr and Mis
Michaes Revan.

1912 Club Sir Roger Sims, MP. Chairman of the 1912 Club, was the host at a dirner held last night at the House of Commons by courtesy of Mr David Amess, MP. Mr Ian Byatt,

Director General of the Office of Water Services, was the guest of honour. Mr Andrew McWhirter also spoke,

Sternberg Centre for Judaism Sir Sigmund and Lady Sternberg hosted a dinner held last night at the Sternberg Centre for Judaism in honour of the Japanese Ambas-sador, Mr Hiroaki Fujii and Madame Kiyoko Fujii. American Chamber of

merce (UK) Sir Brian Goswell, President of the American Chamber of Commerce (UK), was in the chair at a dinner held yesterday at Claridge's Hotel in honour of Mr Peter Sutherland. Atlantic Council

Sir Richard Luce, Chairman of the Atlantic Council of the United Kingdom, presided at the 1996 fellows dinner held last night at Armoury House. General George A. Joulwan, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, was the guest of

# Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury 1533-56, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire, 1489; Association, Nottinghamsture, 1493; Christoph Gluck, composer, Ba-varia, 1714; Sir Charles Tupper, Prime Minister of Canada 1896, Amherst, Nova Scotia, 1821; Sir William Henry Brage, physicist, Nobel laureate 1915, Wigton, Cumberland, 1862; Hermann Hesse, poet and novelist, Nobel laureate 1946, Calw, Germany,

DEATHS: Nostradamus (Michel

de Notredame), astrologer, Salon, France, 1566; Jean-Jacques Rousseau, philosopher, Ermenonville, France, 1778: Samuel Hahnemann originator of homoeopathy, Paris, 1843; Sir Robert Peel, Prime Minister 1834-35 and 1841-46, London, 1850; Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree, actor-manager, London, 1917; Emile Coué, psychotherapist, Nancy, France, 1926; Amelia Earhart, aviator, lost over the Pacific, 1937; Ernest Hemingway, writer, Nobel laureate 1954, committed suicide, Ketchum, Ohio, 1961; Betty Grable, film actress, Santa

Nabolov, novelist, Montreux 1977. The Battle of Marston Moor turned the tide in Oliver Crom-

well's favour, 1644. William Booth founded the Salvation Army in Whitechapel, 1865. James Abram Garfield, the 20th American President, was shot (and died on September 19 at Elberon, New Jersey), 1881. The London dock strike began lasting until August 21, 1923.

# University news

Queen Mary and Westfield College

Professor Alexander McNeigh has been appointed Warden of St Bartholomew's and the Royal London School of Medicine and Dentistry, the medical school of Queen Mary and Westfield College, and a Vice-Principal of the college, from January 1, 1997, in succession to Professor Sir Colin

### Church of Scotland Diocese of Aberdeen

Ordinations: Peter John Lees has been ordained priest by the Bishop of Aberdeen

nd Orkney, at St Andrew's, Banff. Mr Lees serves as non-stipendiary priest at Ali Saints, Buckle and St Congan, Turiff. Dr Peter Brunt has been ordained

deacon by the bishop at St Devenick's, Bieldside, where he now serves in a non-stipendiary capacity. Diocese of Edinburgh

Resignations: The Rev J Michael Porteus, formerly Rector of Livingston Ecumenical Parish, retired on April 30. The Rev David Gareth Richards,

formerly Curate of Knowle Parish Church, Solihull, is now Rector of St Paul's and St George's, Edinbureh. Diocese of Glasgow and

Appointments:
The Rev John Mark McLuckie, formerly Chaptain at King's College, Cambridge, has joined the East End Team Ministry where he has been serving as Team Priest.
The Rev Martin Peter Callaghan, formerly Curate of Holy Trinity, Ayr, is now serving as Priest-in-charge at All Saint's. Gretna, with St John's, Eastriggs.

The Rev Stewart Burlace Symon retired from his post as Region of Si Andrew's, Ardrossan, with St Andrew's, Irvine, on April 7.

The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11.00. The Queen's Guard mounts at Buckingham Palace at 11.30.

Today's events

# Elections

Mr David Richardson to be President of the British Chambers of Commerce; Mr John Entwistle and Mr Brian Harris to be Deputy

### Appointment Mr Leslie Spittle to be a Circuit

Judge, assigned to the North Eastern Circuit.

### **Forthcoming** Memorial marriages service

Mr Gordon Clough
A service of thanksgiving for the
life and work of Mr Gordon
Clough, broadcaster and writer,
was held yesterday at St James's,
Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reves officiated, assisted by the Rev Ernest Rea, Head of Religious Broadcasting, BBC, and Canon Ian, Kitteringham, Mr Jonathan

Clough, son, read the lesson.

Miss Sue MacGregor, Mr

James Naughtie, Mr Michael

Bunce, Executive Director of the Royal Television Society, Mr Ju-lian Holland and Miss Irene Thomas, paid tribute. Among others present were:

Thomas, paid tribute. Among others present were:

Mrs Annie Clough (mother), Mrs Annie Clough (widow), Miss Penelope Clough (widow), Miss Penelope Clough (daughter), Mr Ian Atkins and Dresser In the International Penelope Clough (daughter), Mr Ian Atkins and Mrs Anthory Delaney (sons-iniew and Gaughters), Mr Ian Mrs Peter Clough (byother and sister-iniew) Mr Stephen Clough, Miss Yvonne Stafford, Miss Rachel Penny, Mr and Mrs Charles Bunce, Mrs Mariorie Atklins.

Mr Bob Phillis (deputy director general, BBC) with Mr Michael Green ta managing director Network Radio), Mr Tony Hall (managing director, News and Current Affairs), Sir Roger Cary (a consultant to the Director General) and Lady Cary, Miss Jenny Abramsky and Mr Peter Gallimore (Radio S Live), Miss Helen Wilson and Mr Peter Donaldson (Radio 4), with other past and present mambers of the BBC.

Mr John Baird (director of music, Westminster School), and Mrs John Fearniey (National Federation of Music Societies), Miss Faith Lawson (Pedestrian Society), Mr Paul Bonner, Mr Anthory Cash, Mr Max Easterman, Mr Robert Elphick Mrs Gareth Evans, Frofessor and Mrs Richard Freeborn, Mr Genrud Mansell, Dr Gomon Recee, Mr Greville Havenhand, Mrs Patricia Heald, Mr and Mrs Adam Hill, Mrs Julian Holland, Mr John Mortissey, Miss Norma Marson, Mr and Mrs Johyon Monson, Mr Trevor Nightingale, Mrs Mary Owens, Mess Mary Seion-Watson, Mr and Mrs Hernard Tate, Mr Brian Walker, Mrs Bernard Chiesgues.

### Lecture

Institute of Contemporary British History Professor Peter Clarke, Professor

of Modern British History at the University of Cambridge, deliv-ered the ICBH Tenth Birthday Lecture on The Rise and Fall of the Keynesian Consensus on June 27 at Gresham College. Sir Peter Middleton, GCB, chairman of the

valued at £531.057 net. valued at £531,057 net.
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consultant physician and lecturer at Oxford University. left estate valued at £116,985 net.

Mr Robert John Over, of Enfield. Clara Muriel Penny, of London N20 ..... Mr Robert Barnabas Readbead, of Godalming, Surrey............ £874,337 Godalming, Surrey.....

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DEATHS ARSTIS - William Charles, peacefully in his steep at instee on May 27th sped 90. Much loved father. grandfather and great-coundfather. grandfather, BALFOUR - Tragically after a brave struggle with cancer and the later and the her beloved husband The Hon. Mark Balfour, at her bome on 29th Jane, Susan Ann ayed 58 years. Dear mother of Anthony, Nancy

Ann aged Si years, Dear mother of Anthony, Nancy and the remains of Anthony, Nancy and the remains of Anthony and elder daughter of Betty and elder daughter of Betty and England State of South No flowers please but domaidons for The Canor and Macallian Flund may be sent to John Heath & Sons, Earshall Street, Santing St 715.

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CHAPMAN - Peter Lesife Sorby, sudemby at home on June 28th. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium. Richmond, Surrey Priday Joseph at American

CLOCKAN - Sixter Manurest Gernardine) died on 27th June 1996 sped 80 years at Lourden Ursuline Convent Nursing Honse, Westgate-on-Sea. Requiem at St Antono's Forest Gafe, on 3th July at 1.30 pm, Family Rowers have Doubline if deared in Booking Central Looken Do.

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PRASEN - Heavy Lean Colley (Reyal Marines Retires) penerally at Booker Headfal to 20th June and 55 years. Delived analysis of Caroline, Michael and Leonia and father-in-law of Kim Hichael and Leonia and father-in-law of Kim Hichaels Faneral at 61 Mary's Parish Church, becomedid on Frider Shuby at 2.30 per father of the private cremation at American. Public laws and American.

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# **OBITUARIES**

Alfred Marks, OBE, comedian, actor and singer, died yesterday aged 75. He was born on January 28, 1921.

ALFRED MARKS was one of those outstanding comedians able to sustain a wide-ranging career in the chilly climate of post-variety showbusiness. There was nothing, he remarked, that he had not done in the profession except ballet ("and who knows".

Marks had an uncompromisingly burly stage presence. His booming voice, hooded gaze and inky black eyehrows, which shuttled up and down his forehead like a pair of tiny cutlasses, could invoke unease among his audience as well as laughter. In pantomime he played legions of moustache-twirling villains, and, on television, more intimidating gangster-types.

On stage he did not consider himself to be the sort of comedian who can seize an audience's sympathy in the first minute. Contemporaries such as Tony Hancock or Frankie Howerd were funny just by being themselves, but Marks had a harder edge to his stage persona. He was the tyrannical Punch figure, "the whipper rather than the whippee", as one critic wrote. He fired off his jokes with the power of a cannon. There were no gimmicks, no funny hats, lopsided walks or matey catchphrases. He relied on impeccable timing and bombast.

His television work included Alfred Marks Time, which ran for several years in the late 1950s. And his powerful delivery was particularly effective on radio. He had been a listeners' favourite ever since his initial broadcast on Variety Bandbox in 1944, where many comics of his generation were "blooded".

Alfred Edward Marks was born in Holborn, London, the son of two Polish Jewish milliners. His original surname was Touchinsky, which he changed by deed poil after the war. He grew up in the tenements of Aldgate in the East End and attended the Jewish Free School, where be

He left school to sell jewellery from a stall in Petticoat Lane, and was swiftly promoted, because of his

# ALFRED MARKS

persuasive ability to raise a crowd, to market auctioneer. But he was then fired for making too many jokes and not enough sales. At the same time, he was being drawn to showbusiness. Max Miller was appearing at the Holborn Empire and, no Saturdays, Marks would queue for hours to watch him.

He made his first professional appearance at the age of 16. He persuaded a reluctant theatrical agent to let him try out an act in the Blue Hall, Islington, a cinema which staged variety shows on Friday nights. Marks made sure to collect his fee of 15 shillings in advance, wisely as it turned out. He had hardly opened his mouth when the audience began to make unmistakably ominous grumbling noises. Fortunately the Blue Hall was one of the few theatres still equipped with a steel net curtain for the protection of youthful performers.

In 1939 Marks joined the RAF and trained as a machine tool operator. He spent the next four years in the Middle East. Promoted to flight sergeant, he organised concerts for servicemen in remote areas beyond the reach of ENSA.

Marks had a fine baritone voice. and he saw his chance in Italy when servicemen were being invited to prepare themselves for civilian life by learning a trade. Somehow he contrived to twist this ruling, and have his voice trained by the best teachers at the Milan Conservatoire. The formal training stood him in good stead with his later work in musicals. though he realised he would have never have made it in opera. Demobilised and with a £75 gratuity. Marks began the daunting daily rounds of variety agents.

He was down to his last few pounds when his friend Frank Muir arranged an audition for him at the Windmill Theatre (Stephen Ward was then resident osteopath). Comedians at the club were looked upon as necessary evils, there to keep the hounds at bay, while the stage was prepared for the next garish tableau and the troupe of naked girls. It was an exhausting learning school for Marks, but the expert heckling hardened and inured him: "If you could make those bastards laugh you



could make anyhody laugh." It was the Windmill, where he stayed for 20 months, which really established

him in the business.

By 1950 Marks was appearing in Manchester in High Button Shoes, and doing radio on the side. He surprised his peers by turning down West End offers to go into Montmartre, a Brighton summer show. The decision proved, though, lucky for him. In the company was Paddie O'Neil, an ex-hostess of the wartime show Navy Mixture. They were married at the West London Synagogue on September 3, 1952.

Marks continued his steady ascent during the 1950s. His work in broadcasting and success in a Cole Porter musical. Can-Can, at the Coliseum in 1954 led to an offer, by the end of that decade, of a television show, Alfred Marks Time. This was one of the first half-hour comedy sketch shows.

With serious drama, the turning point came in 1962. Lindsay Anderson saw him playing a Soho nightclub owner in a film, Frightened City. He recognised a quality in Marks which he needed for the very different character in Max Frisch's play The Fire Raisers, which he was directing at the Royal Court. Marks rose to the occasion, and, as his friend Jimmy Jewel was to do after his success in The Comedians, trod a rewarding path between serious

Bill Naughton's comedy Spring and Port Wine was a highpoint for Marks during the 1960s. The play ran for two and a half years in the West End and toured Australia.

drams and comedy thereafter.

He was back in farce in Don't Just Lie There, Say Something (1971) at the Garrick, and then switched to a very different sort of comedy as Sir

speare, with a clear speaking voice, and an intelligent approach to bringing out the humour of obscure puns. Other high points during the 1970s included his role as Creon in Oedipus Tyrannus at the Chichester Festival in 1974. The following year he teamed up with Jimmy Jewel for

The Sunshine Boys at the Piccadilly. Marks never stopped working. Tours and West End appearances followed one another in relentless sequence. Bus Stop was a hit at the Phoenix in the early 1980s, and Marks was singing again shortly afterwards at the Coliscum in ENO's

production of The Mikado. Recently, there was a tour of The Cherry Orchard with Susannah York. But then, earlier this year, cancer was diagnosed and he had to withdraw from his last role, playing Feticity Kendall's father, in the pre-London tour of Mind Millie for Me.

Marks's films included Scream and Scream Again, a vintage horror, and There was a Crooked Man with Norman Wisdom. His starring role in the 1959 comedy Desert Mice was a particularly apt piece of casting: it concerned a concert party sent to entertain the troops in North Africa during the Second World War. As for later television, Marks co-starred with Zena Walker in the situation comedy Albert and Victoria, and compered Sunday Night at the London Palladium.

Marks did his share for worthy causes: enterraining in prisons and at fundraising concerts for the National Playing Fields Association. He was appointed OBE in 1976.

Marks was not at all intimidating or pretentious in private life. He enjoyed entertaining at his home in Hertfordshire, which he bought from Peter Sellers, and where he installed a 20-seat cinema.

He was - as far as any ambitious, talented man is able to be - satisfied with his achievements. But he was never complacent, and that barbed sense of humour remained as sharp as ever, particularly when he was contemplating his own shortcomings. His favourite critical notice was a cryptic one: "Aifred Marks is a comedian who should sing more."
He is survived by his wife, his actor

son, Gareth, and a daughter.

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# MICHAEL WISHART

Michael Wishart, artist and writer, died on June 28 aged 68. He was born on June 12, 1928.

SOME people lead lives at a

high pitch of mental and physical extremes. Michael Wishart was such a man. He survived numerous crises, was victim to many emotional setbacks and was self-destructive to an alarming degree. His life he described as "many years of terror and beauty, so many seasons of sadness and RMAZEMENIC.

He was a highly talented artist, a man of subtle and subversive humour, well-read and sensitive to art and letters. He was at times shy to the point that he trembled, and at others was wild and alarming in behaviour. As an artist, he was original and veered from the extraordinary to the occasionally mundane. He had a small but loyal following and took pride that his paintings held a particular appeal for

Wishart's ancestry (which interested him intensely) was one of contradictions. His millionaire father. Ernest Wishart, was the son of Colonel Sir Sidney Wishart, who served as Sheriff of the City of London, 1921-22. Ernest founded a publishing house called Wishart & Co which published Nancy Cunard's Negro. Geoffrey Gorer's The Revolutionary Ideas of the Marquis de Sade and a literary monthly. The Calendar of Modern Letters. Later he took over Martin Lawrence and the firm became the only Marxist-Leninist publishers operating in London, under the name

Lawrence & Wishart. Wishart's mother Lorna was the daughter of Walter Garman of Oakswell Hall, Wednesbury, a wealthy but sadistic doctor, who beat his sons and daughters, and his Irish wife. Lorna had two brothers and seven dramatic sisters. These included Kathleen, the mistress and later wife of Sir Jacob Epstein, and Mary, the wife of the poet Roy Campbell and a girlfriend of Vita Sackville-West. Michael Wishart used to cite two more

 "one a lesbian with a moustache, the image of George Sand, who with or without the lash managed to seduce her idol T. E. Lawrence once only, afterwards returns to a Beverley Nichols cottage with a lady named Philip de

Winton". Wishart was a lonely child. though seldom left alone. In the early days of the Second World War he was sent to the local council school, where a cruel teacher beat his knuckles till they spurted blood, and then to Bedales, where he shone at diving and art but at little else. In his early days, partly to disguise his uncertain sexual orientation, he took pleasure from a reputation as a seducer, engaging the favours of a young refugee girl from London in exchange for the occasional bar of chocolate. After Bedales he enrolled at the Central School of Arts and Crafts. Dispirited by this, he went to live with his uncle, Roy Campbell.

He next moved to Paris, where an early colleague was Lucian Freud. He relished all that that city could offer him in the study of art, louche nightlife and excessive alcohol. He took a walk-on part in Roland Petit's ballet, Les Forains, assisted Cocteau in the last-minute touches to some cinema decor, and had the misfortune to suffer an intense obsession with the sinister opium addict Denham Fouts: Wishart himself became an opium addict, from which mercifully (and unlike Fouts), he was cured. (Years later he visited Fouts's grave in Rome, musing: "What had become of the scorpion tattooed in his groin that I had kissed so many times?")

Wishart enjoyed precocious success at an exhibition at the Archer Gallery in 1944 at the age of 16. He then studied at the Academie Julian in Paris,



and went on to enjoy three one-man exhibitions at the Redfern Gallery between 1956 and 1960 and four at the Leicester. David Bailey photo-graphed the paintings for the catalogue, and some were bought by the Arts Council and the Financial Times.

His work sought to evoke mood, employing sensitive strokes of the brush to express a deliberate poetic quality and fragility. One crinc wrote that his flower pictures "looked as if a butterfly with its wings dipped in paint had been allowed to flutter aimlessly

across the canvas". Wishart was based in New York from 1962 to 1964, when he returned to London. He travelled extensively through Europe and Morocco between 1969 and 1972. He painted portraits, Moorish scenes, land and sea. He loved skies rich with whirling clouds, or the night sky; hot-coloured birds, irises, death banners. skulls and other symbols.

in 1977 he published an outspoken book of memoirs. High Diver. Like his paintings it is rich in sinister undersones

and highly amusing.
Wishart knew most of the artists and writers of his day. everyone from Cocteau. Bérard, Cyril Connolly, to Graham Sutherland (his godfather as a Roman Catholic) and Lucian Freud. He relished being a slightly older but well accepted part of what he called "the Peacock Revolution", the world of the Rolling Stones and Anita Pallenburg. His friends enjoyed and sometimes endured his long dissertations, and a visit from him could, indeed, be without end.

In 1950 he married Anne Dunn, the daughter of the millionaire banker Sir James Dunn. They had a son, before divorcing in 1960. She later married the portrait painter Rodrigo Moynihan. The di-vorce left Wishart in a state of collapse and several nervous breakdowns punctuated his later years: "Upon the foundations of my ruined vanity, using drink for bricks and drugs for mortar, I constructed purely for myself a defen-sive pyramid of pride."

Thereafter he veered in his affections between men and women, frequenting the ballet a great deal at one period. Likewise there were times when he shaved his head, adopting the look of "a baid Eastern mystic or criminal type", times when he was drunk and times when he was soher. He was as much at home at a dinner of the Royal Stuart Society as the Chelsea Arts Club.

The punishment he meted out on himself took its toll in due course. Wishart painted nothing for 11 years until he exhibited at the Parkin Gal-lery in the summer of 1985. Thereafter he frequently assured his friends that works of considerable genius were about to appear from him, indeed his finest work yet": but, sadly, these never materialised, though he mustered a handful of powerful paintings for exhibition at the same gallery in the early months of this year. In a more subdued moment of modesty he wrote: "Call me a dedicated dauber who holds his top hat upside-down and is sometimes surprised to see a rabbit fall out of it."

Wishart is survived by his son Francis, also a painter.

### Toby Belch at the Bankside Globe in 1973. He was excellent in Shake-

THE RIGHT REV ROSS HOOK



TICKETS FOR SALE

The Right Rev Ross Hook, MC, Bishop of Bradford, 1972-80, and Chief of Staff to the Archbishop of Canterbury, 1980-84, died on June 26 aged 79. He vas born on February 19,

Conscious, however, of the always been appointed to hold this position is sufficient evi-

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vice as Lambeth's personal lithk with the Church Commissioners across the river at No 1 Millbank; and his long pastoral experience also came in useful with the work of such bodies as the then Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry. Although himself two years older than the archbishop, there were no tensions in their relationship and, when he retired at the relatively early age of 67, there was widespread sorrow at Lambeth Palace.

proceeded to Ridley Hall, Cambridge, and was ordained 1943 he volunteered as a naval chaplain, serving with the

acre garden rivalling in gran-deur Lambeth Palace itself.

invitation came in 1980 to join Robert Runcie at Lambeth, he was happy to accept. Nevertheless, the last four years of his active ministry were slightly anticlimactic, and it is an open question how much he enjoyed his period at Lambeth. His retirement was clouded by his own ill-health - he suffered a stroke some ten years ago and, though he retained his lifelong interest in cricket (and particularly in the Kent County Cricket Club), his other activities were necessarily circumscribed.

He leaves his widow Ruth. always an integral partner in his ministry, and a son and a daughter.

With the exception of the statue of the Prince swere tilness, will not be finished ill next year, the Gothic strine erected by the nation in memory of the late Prince Consort is now finished. Yesterday the last of the unsightly hoardings was knocked away, and in the morning Her Majesty paid a private visit to the Memorial ...

Were the Albert Memorial but the work of some former age, did it but stand in Florence, or Munich, or Paris, or in any other capital but our own, every English critic would call it tiful, and every English tourist would see it with admiration. As it is, there is little lear of its failing to please the public, but there are sure to be critiss enough to say that its decoration is there "ginger-bread", that it has no business out of doors, that it is false in construction because it could not stand unless strengthened inwardly by girders, that the granite pillars are too light and the canopy topneavy, that this or that feature is bad altogether and has no business to be intro-duced—and so on. If the most costly materials and the most exquisite workmanship are "ginger-bread", if the only indication of the strength of a column is to be clumsiness and a certain circumference, if when we build

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a Gothic shrine we are to be altogether tied and bound in a chain of mediaeval precedents, if we are to believe one or two captious tongues instead of our own eyes, then, indeed, the Albert Memorial is all wrong in architecture and all ugly in appearance. But those, and we are of them, who maintain the contrary of each of these suppositions, will prefer to admire as it deserves to be admired this elaborate and beautiful trophy of the kindred arts. Like other beautiful things, it has its blemishes. The site is not all that it ought to be, or might have been; the sculpture is not all of it good; the inscription is poor and prosaic, and no word or

emblem in the whole Memorial commemo rates the Prince Consort's cardinal virtuethat purity of life, rare among Princes, to which his character and fame owe half their lustre. But, though it may have these and other shortcomings, the Memorial is still well worthy of him and us. So, at least, we think. and so, we venture to say, will anyone think who looks upon it with an eye that is single and a judgment unprejudiced. Go and see it on any one of these summer afternoons. Its shafts of clustered granite shining in the sun, the points of sunlight glittering on its gem-like enamels, the bright gilding and the bronze statues, the the bright guiding and the drouts statues, the golden angels that look up to heaven and the golden angels that look down to earth, the throned figures of the mosaics, the white marble of the lesser sculpture, pure and gleaming against the granite, the cyclopean blocks which form the central pedestal, and the black bases of the pillars, the four great groups of sculpture bound together by the gilded railing, the solid and well-chiselled stairs, the hundred statues of the frieze, the figures in the spandrels of the arches, the rich ornaments of the roof and spire, and over all the steadiest cross seeming to sail against the sailing clouds—whoever does not find these things beautiful in themselves, and more beautiful taken together, must be hard to please, and not worth the effort.

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AS THE first holder of an office, which later came to be known as that of "Bishop at Lambeth", Ross Hook en-sured his niche in the organisational history of the Church of England. Before Robert Runcie recruited him to take charge of the more bureaucratic side of his job, previous archbishops had relied simply on a senior chaplain to cope with general administration.

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By BRIAN COLLETT

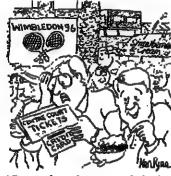
MANY small businesses are taking comfort from the prospect of a general election. They believe the Government will fear Labour enough to bring in vote-catching economic sweeteners.

An impending election was one of several reasons for optimism in a survey by Lombard Business Finance. Others were tax incen-tives, favourable interest rates and increased trade. Researchers interviewed 450 financial decisionmakers in businesses with turnovers from £100.000 to about £10 million.

The study revealed a fast-growing faith in the economy, with 19 per cent of businesses confident about trade this summer, against only 4 per cent earlier in the year. The survey showed that more

jobs would be on offer this summer. particularly in London and the South East, as small and mediumsized companies increased output. Researchers found that 56 per cent intended to invest in equipment and machinery, only one percent-age point higher than the national figure, but 73 per cent in the region predicted increased manufacturing production and services, compared with the average of 62 per cent. Significantly for the unemployed. 55 per cent said they would take on more staff, compared with the national 49 per cent.

Jeffrey Johnson, managing director of Lombard Business Finance. said: "The region's recruitment figures are higher than aimost anywhere else. This shows businesses in the South are feeling fairly confident and are making cautious investment plans."



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# Flutter on a farm wins a worldwide clientele

Mark Andrews on a butterfly centre that woos tourists and film makers

The great thing about John Calvert's product is, he says. I that it doesn't last very long. In fact, it does not even last two weeks - and that is just the way his customers worldwide like it. They are phoning and faxing his office every week to pay good money for a product whose shelf life is strictly limited.

Mr Calvert, a 30-year-old New Zealand horticulturist, runs the Stratford-upon-Avon Butterfly Farm, which he established ten years ago. It is one of the most comprehensive in the world and has earned him the nickname The Bard of the Butterflies.

His farm is classified as a zoo. It is a large greenhouse, landscaped with waterfalls, tropical plants and climbing vines — a simulated jungle where up to 1,200 butterflies from 180 different species, including some of the world's most exotic. spread their wings and feast on rotting fruit, dung, mud, sweat and

pollen. It is where they breed, too.
Mr Calvert and ten staff import
the "raw material" — the pupa —
from jungles around the world, in Papua-New Guinea, Brazil, Belize, the Philippines. Malaysia, India and Central Africa. There are 30.000 species of butterfly and moth out there," says Mr Calvert. "We are only scratching the surface."

The pupa's shelf life is between one and four weeks, depending on the species of butterfly. They come in by air, almost daily, packed in cotton wool. Mr Calvert keeps them in his Stratford jungle until they are a couple of days from turning into a chrysalis. "Once you've determined that, you can send them on their way to the farms," he says. "But you've got to get it right — a day out can spell disaster. If we do get it wrong, we keep them here for our own exhibition and breeding."

He will ship up to 1,500 pupa a week to other butterfly farms that open as tourist attractions in the UK and the rest of Europe. Prices range from 65p for a common specimen to £5 for an exotic item from Papua-New Guinea. Top of the range, and a worldwide favour-

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ite, is the blue morfo from Belize, from a jungle farm run by a Briton. Mr Calvert will tell customers on Tuesday by fax or telephone what is available. By Wednesday, clients have sent their orders, and on Thursday purchases are in the post being sent within the UK or with a

courier if going further afield.

It is big business. Mr Calvert imports 40,000 to 50,000 pupa a year and breeds a further 30,000 from his stock. Frankly, we have trouble satisfying demand," he says.
"If a farm wants to fly 600 butterflies, in the course of a week or ten days they will have 150 to 200 dying and they have got to be replaced."

ohn Calvert's furm draws 80,000 visitors a year, many of them schoolchildren having a lesson in nature and biology. A gift shop offers butterfly-theme presents.
The jungle is often a location for films and television commercials.
"We have a reputation in the film world of being able to deliver what they want." Mr Calvert said.

One thing that Mr Calvert will not do is supply butterflies for collectors. "We don't, and won't, sell to them," he says. "Our policy is to deal only in the living. To produce a good, dead specimen you've got to kill it the moment it emerges from the chrysalis. We're not into sticking pins into things, putting them in a glass case and hanging them on the wall. They are things of beauty — but sadly they're not a joy for ever."

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By SALLY WATTS

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The three-year scheme, called Made in Manchester, will cover every aspect of practice, production and performance. This is the first fully fledged project to be approved for a share of the extra £100 million made available to Business Links last year. It is run by Manchester's Business Link and training and enterprise council (Tec), with funding of £1.2 million from the Depart-ment of Trade and Industry.

The programme draws on extensive research into how the world's best companies operate. This shows that factors crucial to success include visionary leadership, high quality products, competitive costs, flexible workers, heavy investment in training and constant inno-

By introducing more products per year than their competitors, they do ten times the business of an average firm, and their costs are lower. And whereas average performances in the process sector take nearly an hour and a half to set up, the best companies do so in ten

So a key factor will be to speed up both the production processes and the introduction of new products. Companies will be enabled to reduce their costs while reaching new standards of quality and service, developing best practice

while increasing their profits.

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They will be benchmarked and their needs, targets and way for-ward individually assessed. Tailored programmes will include workshops, seminars and consul-tancy. Each firm will have an adviser or account manager who will work with a number of

participants. Made in Manchester is targetdriven, not process-driven," explains Richard Smith, the Tec's executive director of manufacturing services.

We shall concentrate on strategies, discussing tomorrow's issues with employers, such as where their sector of manufacturing is going and where they want to be in three years - things they are usually too busy to think about. We are bringing in expertise and trying to share good practice."

Most of the companies are in supply chains, and one aim, Mr Smith says, is to improve these by creating a "partnership culture".

Richard Page, Small Firms Minister, said: "This is precisely the type of ambitious and imaginative scheme our smaller firms need. At the heart of this programme is the customer-focused approach to business support we are proposing in our review of government support

for business." The overall programme will be delivered by a partnership com-prising the Tec. Business Link and Chamber of Commerce, with advice from local business steering groups. Made in Manchester, Mr Page said, has been designed by local partners matching their expertise and experience to the needs of local firms.

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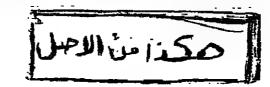
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[Speeches June 13] \*originating The expressions cause" and "originating event", as used in errors and omissions reinsurance policies by Lloyd's underwriters, did not mean the same thing because, in ordinary language, "cause" could be a continuing state of affairs and muld be the absence of something happening whereas an "event" was something which happened at a particular time, at a particular place and in a particular way. Accordingly, the construction given by the court to "originating could not govern the mean

ing of "originating event".

The House of Lords so held allowing an appeal by the plainriffs Ava Reinsurance (UK) plc. from the Court of Appeal (Lord Staughton and Lord Justice Simon Brown) (The Times October 10, 1995: [1996] I Lluyd's Rep 26). dismissed Ava's appeal from a decision dated July 27, 1995 of Mr Justice Phillips on a preliminary issue, ordered by him to be tried, following an originating summons issued by Axa against the defendant. Mr Roger Field, acting on his own behalf and as representative of all other members of Lloyd's Syndicate No 204 of

The judge had held that the reasoning in his judgment in Car v Bankside Members Agency Lid (The Times January 27, 1995; [1995] CLC 180) was directly applicable to

In re Continental Assurance

Gross incompetence which did not

amount to dishonesty in a director

of a company could be regarded as

unfitness so as to justify the

making of an order under section 6

of the Company Directors Dis-qualification Act 1986. The degree

of competence required by the

Companies Act 1985 at least re-

quired that a director who was a curporate financier should be pre-

pared to read and understand the

statutory accounts of the company

Mr Justice Chadwick so ruled in

the Chancery Division when mak-

ing a three-year disqualification

order against Mr Michael Gordon

Burt who was a director of

Continental Assurance Company

of which he was a director.

Before Mr Justice Chadwick

Co of London ple

Judgment June 14

Axa Reinsurance (UK) ple v no more and no less, were to be among others. Lloyd's Syndicate

Mr Christopher Clarke, QC and Mr Mark Howard for Axa, Mr Jonathan Hirst, QC and Mr Michael Swainston for Mr Field.

LORD MUSTILL said that the origin of the instant appeal lay in the involvement of numerous members of syndicates at Lkwd's in what was known as "the LMX

The spiral was the pathological outcome of writing whole account excess of loss in a narrow market. the essence being that the same loss might in certain events cuculate through a chain or chains of reinsurances, repeatedly impact-ing on and ultimately exhausting successive lavers of cover, leaving the reinsured without the intended protection or none at all.

Complaining that those who managed their syndicates had failed either to recognise the risks of the spiral, or to take proper precautions against its adverse effects, numerous members who suffered heavy losses brough proceedings against the managers for negligence and breach of

Those proceedings were the origin, but not the subject, of the present appeal which was con-cerned with the aggregation of losses for the purpose of reinsurance policies some distance away from the policies out of which the losses originally arose.

The root case was Deeny v Gooda Walker Ltd (The Times October 7, 1994; [1994] CLC 1124), in which members of syndicates recovered damages against certain members' agents. One of the agents was Bankside Members Agency Ltd which brought Incompetence reason for director's disqualification

of London pic from June 1988 to

The order was imposed on the

application of the Secretary of

State for Trade and Industry who

sought disqualification orders

against Mr Burt and two other

directors of the company. Mr

David Jonathan Burrows and Mr

The sole allegation against Mr

Burt related to unsecured interest-

free loans made by Continental Assurance to Yorkdale Holdings

Ltd to enable Yorkdale to service bank loans made specifically for the purpose of acquiring shares in

The secretary of state's case was

that those loans constituted finan-

cial assistance by Continental

Assurance for the acquisition of its

own shares contrary to section ISI

John Chapman Davis.

Continental Assurance.

November 1991.

An issue in that case, which was resolved in Cax v Bankside Members Agency Ltd was how, in the light of the various acts and omissions which founded the omissions which counted the liability of the members, agents in Deeny v Gooda Walker Ltd losses should be aggregated for the purpose of a provision limiting the urers total liability.

Syndicate 204 was now looking for a recovery under an excess of loss treaty issued by, among others. Axa providing one layer of cover in respect of the whole of the syndicate's cusualty account. Once again the question of aggregation

Axa issued an originating summons inviting the determination by the court of three questions, two which were:

-2 Out of which events do the losses of the underwriter (incurred by reason of his liability to the Gouda Walker Assureds) arise for the purposes of the XL reinsurance 3 Out of how many such events do

those losses arise for the purposes of the XL reinsurance policy?" The XL reinsurance policy was defined for this purpose as meaning the policy Issued by Axa covering the liability of Mr Field in respect of his underlying direct errors and omissions insurance of

the Gooda Walker companies. in the body of the errors and omissions policy there was a provision for automatic reinstate ment but subject to a proviso that the total liability of the insurers in respect of all claims made during the period of the policy should no exceed certain specified sums.

The reinstatement clause also contained a second provise to the effect that "the insurers' total

ing that Yorkdale would be able to

repay the loans, that there was no commercial justification, advan-

tage or benefit to Continental

Assurance from the loans and that

they were therefore made irrespon-sibly and were detrimental to

Mr David A. S. Richards, QC

and Mr Joseph Hage for the secretary of state; Mr Richard Adkins, QC and Miss Susan

Prevezer for Mr Burt, Mr Burrows

did not appear and was not

MR JUSTICE CHADWICK

said that Mr Burt's evidence was

that he did not that the loans were

being made. He was adamant that

had he known he would have recognised the danger under the 1985 Act and would have taken

steps to put an end to that lending.

He said that the fact that he did

not seek to put an end to it was the

liability under this policy in respect of any claim or claims arising from one originating cause shall in no he a continuing state of affairs, it could be the absence of something event exceed the sum stated. . , " Equally, the word "originating" The sum stated was subject to a

was consciously chosen to open up limit for each and every loss which the widest possible search for a was defined as: "... each and every unifying factor in the history of the lusses which it was sought to loss and/or occurrence and/or catastrophe and/or disaster and/or calamity and/or series of Even if Axa and the other losses and/or occurrences and/or reinsurers were aware of the terms disasters and/or calamities arising on which the direct business was out of one event, issued on July being written there was nothing 1905. With commendable speed the

surprising in a decision to choose a narrower basis of aggregation: for the commercial considerations which determined how the ower of reformulated by an order of Mr Justice Phillips to the effect that there should be tried as a prelimia whole "casualty" account would be framed and rated were not the same as those which shaped the individual items comprising that "Whether, having regard to the loss settlement provisions in the If the syndicate had wished to XI reinsurance policy the answer to questions 2 and 3 in the originating summons is deter-

together less constricted. It could

secure identical measures of loss for its inward and outward con-tracts it could have negotiated with reinsurers to that end, and taken the obvious course of using inter alia: "the insurers' total liability under this policy in respect of any claim or claims arising from

the same words in each.

They chose not in do so, and thereby accepted the possibility that although in some combinations and the some combinations are combinations. tions of facts the outcomes might be the same, in others they might

Thus although naturally hesitaling to differ from the unanimous opinion of the courts below, his Lordship would allow the appeal. answer in the negative the ques-tion raised by the reformulated preliminary issue and remit the matter to the High Court so that the proceedings might be

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Goff, Lord Slynn and Lord Hollmann

particular time, at a particular Solicitors: Barlow Lyde & Gilplace in a particular way.

A cause was something al-

# Part-timers' claims over pension rights

Fletcher v Midland Bank ple Before Mr Justice Mummery, Mrs. M. E. Sunderland and Mr G.

Wright [Judgment June 24]

In test cases involving the rights of part-time workers employed by public and private sector employ ers to participate in occupational pension schemes with a qualifying condition of membership based on a minimum number of hours worked each week, the Employment Appeal Tribunal held on preliminary issues that the claims were only in time if commenced within six months of the end of the contract of employment containing the equality clause allegedly breached and that no claim could be made for a declaration of a right membership of a pen scheme in respect of a period earlier than two years prior to the

nstitution of the claim. The applicants had argued that the dental of access to part-time workers was directly discriminatory of women in the matter of pay and was therefore contrary to the Equal Pay Act 1970 and EC

The Employment Appeal Tri-bunal so held when dismissing appeals by Mrs D. Fletcher and 21 other applicants from a decision of an industrial tribunal chairman in Birmingham last December who had dismissed claims against Midland Bank pic and others. The claims were selected as test cases out of a large number affecting 60,000 or more applications to determine preliminary points of general application.

Section I of the Equal Pay Act 1970, as substituted by section 8(1) and (6) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, provides: "(1) If the terms of a contract under which a woman is employed at establishment in Great Britain do not include ... an equality clause they shall be deemed to include

Section 2 provides: "(I) Any claim in respect of the contraven-tion of a term modified or included by virtue of an equality clause, including a claim for arrears of remuneration or damages in respect of the contravention may be presented by way of a complaint to an industrial tribunal.

"(2) Where it appears to the secretary of state that there may be question whether the employer of any woman is or has been contravening a term modified or included by virtue of their equality clauses but that it is not reasonable to expect them to take steps to have the question determined, the ques-tion may be referred by him as respects all or any of them to an industrial tribunal and shall be dealt with as if the reference were of a claim by the women or woman

against the employer... "(4) No claim in respect of the operation of an equality clause relating to a woman's employment shall be reterred to pribunal ... if she has not been employed in the employment within six months preceding the date of the reference.

"(5) A woman shall not be entitled ... to be awarded any payment by way of arrears of trial tribunal chairman that it did remuneration or damages in re-

years before the date on which the proceedings were instituted." Under article 119 of the EC

Treaty "Each member state shall , ensure and subsequently maintain the application of the principle that men and women should receive equal pay for equal work." Miss Jane McNeill for Mrs Fletcher: Mr Patrick Elias, QC, Mr Jason Coppell and Miss Melanie Tether for the bank.

MR JUSTICE MUMMERY said that taking an example of an individual claim. Mrs Fletcher had presented her originating applica-tion to an industrial tribunal on December 16, 1994. She was employed by the bank from October 7. 974 to June 30, 1991 as a part-time

Until January 1989 the bank operated a single pension scheme which part-time employees were not eligible to join. From Janury 9 a pension scheme was set up for part-timers and Mrs Fletcher

She first appreciated she had a claim for pension benefits in relation to her service before January 1989 when she received a circular from her trade union early in December 1994 explaining that she could make a claim.

The industrial tribunal chairman concluded that the claims were only in time if commenced within six months of the end of the contract of employment containing the equality clause allegedly bro-ken by denial of access to the occupational pension scheme and that a declaration could not be made requiring an employer to admit an employee to a pension scheme with effect from a date prior to the date two years before the proceedings were commence in the industrial tribunal.

The following issues arose on the appeal:
1 Did section 2(4) of the 1970 Act

apply to claims made to the industrial tribunal under section 2(1) or did it only apply to referrals made by the secretary of state under section 2(2)?

In the appeal tribunal's judg-ment section 2(4) applied to claims under section 2(1) and to referrals under section 2(2). Etherson v Strathelyde Regional Council (1992 ICR 579) was to be followed rather than the earlier decision of British Railways Board v Paul

(1988) IRLR 20).

2 What were the time limits applicable to the institution of the claims?

The relevant time limit was the period of six months in section 2(4) of the 1970 Act. That time limit was t incompatible with EC law. 3 Did the principle in Emmott Minister for Social Welfare (1993) ICR 8) preclude the state or an emanation of the state from relying on the time limits in section 2(4)?

That point affected public sector workers. It was based on a broad bmission that the United Kingdom government failed at the relevant time to implement properly the provisions of Directive 75/117/EEC (OJ 1975 L45 p19), the

or final burden of proof had been

discharged were to be determined

not entitled to rely on the directive in parallel with, or instead of article 119 which conferred a directly effective right to equal pay for equal work and the content and scope of that right was not altered

by the directive.
4 Was the time limit in section 2(4) discriminatory in the sense that it treated Community claims less favourably than domestic law claims of a similar nature?

Section 2(4) was not discrimi natory and not incompatible with Community law. The industrial tribunal chairman was correct in rejecting the submission that the ime limit in section 2(4) was discriminatory of Community law claims and should be disapplied. 5 Did the time limit in section 2(4) make it impossible in practice or excessively difficult to exercise the Community law right?

The answer was "No". The time limit was reasonable. It did not start to run until the end of the contract. Even shorter periods than those in section 2(4) had been found to be compatible with Com-

6 On the true construction of section 2(4) did the six-month time limit run from the end of the particular contract in force, or did it run from the end of the employment with the employer after a succession of fixed term

contracts with no genuine breaks?

The time limit ran from the end of each contract under which a part-time employee was employed and not from the end of any employment comprehending a succession of different contracts of employment with the same

7 Was the temporal restriction in section 3(5) to two years prior to the institution of proceedings compat-ible with Community law?

The answer was "Yes". No claim might be made for a declaration of a right to membership of a pension scheme, with the corresponding right to recover contribution from an employer, in respect of a period earlier than two years prior to the institution of the claim. Were the rights of male part-time

loyees co-extensive male part-time employees? The answer was "Yes". 9 Was the applicants' only remedy

a declaration of rights of access to the pension scheme and to benefit while a member of the scheme, or were they entitled to equal treatment in the payment of pension benefits and to claim damages for loss of benefits payable under the The chairman was right to reject

the argument that the applicants could claim damages for loss of benefits under the pension scheme. A declaration was the only remedy available for infringement of the applicants' rights. 10 Should any question be referred

to the European Court of Justice?

The appeal tribunal would not exercise their discretion to make a reference. There was no real doubt the relevant provisions of Community law.

The appeals and cross-appeals

would be dismissed and leave to appeal granted. Solicitors: Lawford & Co; Booth

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such incompetence amounted to unfitness which justified disqualification. His Lordship said that failure to read and understand the statutory accounts of the com-pany of which Mr Burt was a director did amount to such incomence or neglect as to make a finding of unfitness appropriate. Mr Justice Chadwick said he Those in the position of Mr Burt,

was not prepared to disbelleve Mr Burr's evidence having seen him. It was plain that the means of being directors and senior employ ces of major banks, who accepted knowledge were there for the appointments as directors of client companies, lent the names and the respectability of their background His Lordship was forced thereto those of the directors of the client fore to the view that this was a case in which Mr Burt failed unterly to appreciate the responsibilities of a

Those dealing with the client companies were entitled to expect Accordingly, his Lordship did not find that Mr Burt knew of the lending but found that his failure that the directors would exercise the competence required by the 1985 Act in relation to the affairs of to know displayed very serious the companies. The competence required by the incompetence in connection with 1985 Act at least required that a his duties as a director.\_ director who was a corporate financier should be prepared to

read and understand the statutory accounts of the company of which It was argued for Mr Burt that ompetence was not the charge he was brought to court to meet. The charge was causing or allow-

ing the loans to be made. His Lordship said that a director who failed to appreciate the obvious "allowed", and that gross incompetence in that context was "allowing". It was also clear from the affidavits that the secretary of

state did allege negligence.

Anyone against whom proceedings were brought under section 6 of the 1986 Act knew what the case was that he had to meet. His Lordship deplored any tendency to introduce into that jurisdiction the rigidity of the criminal jurisdic-tion. That would be wholly contrary to the spirit of the 1986 Act.
Mr Burrows was the author and
instigator of the transfers to Yorkdale and he was disqualified

for nine years. Judge Paul Baker, QC, who had heard the proceedings against Mr Davis, disqualified him for four years.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor:

# **Function of Privy Council** Gayle v The Queen it was not the function of the

Council to act as a second Court of The Board (Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Griffiths, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Steyn and Sir lain Glidewell) so stated on June 12 when dismissing an appeal by Michael Gayle from the judgment of the Court of Appeal of Jamaica on December 16, 1991, refusing his

Judicial Committee of the Privy

application for leave to appeal against his conviction for murder.

LORD GRIFFITHS said that matters such as the weight properly to be given to evidence,

# Relevance of medical condition to sentence

Regina v Bernard Before Lord Justice Rose, Mr Justice Mantell and Mr Justice

Judgment May 24 The relevance of a defendant's medical condition to his sentence was considered by the Court of Appeal, which set out the principles that emerged from earlier decisions of the court.

Their Lordships gave reasons for allowing on May 20, an appeal by Basil Mortimer Bernard and educing to 3½ years a sentence of 5 years imprisonment imposed on November 3, 1995 by Judge Nicholl at Birmingham Crown Court on the appellant's conviction of being knowingly concerned in the fraudulent evasion of the prohibition on the importation of a class B drug, 27.7kg of cannabis. Mr Michael Birnbaum, QC. who did not appear below, for the

appellant. LORD JUSTICE ROSE, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that for the appellant it was submitted, first, that the judge's stated starting point of six years was too high: see R v Arumah ((1982) 4 Cr App R (S) 407).

Their Lordships were persuaded that the judge's starting point was too high, having regard to the amount of cannabis involved. Further, it was submitted that

the judge had inadequate regard to a number of mitigating factors. The appellant was a man aged 63 of previous good character who suffered from three principal medical ailments: a narrowing of the oesophagus causing difficulty in swallowing, diabetes and hypertension.

The part of the submission which relied on the appellant's medical condition raised difficulties, having regard to a number

of decisions of the Court of Appeal which were not easily reconcilable. However, their Lordships took the view that the following prin-ciples emerged from those

I A medical condition which might at some unidentified future date affect either life expectancy or the prison authority's ability to treat a prisoner satisfactorily might call into operation the Home Ser-retary's powers of release by reference to the royal prerogative of mercy or otherwise but was not a reason for the Court of Appeal to interfere with an otherwise appropriate sentence: R v Moore (Archibald) ((1900) 12 Cr App R (S) 384). 2 The fact that an offender was HIV positive, or had a reduced life expectancy, was not generally a reason which should affect sentence: Moore (Archibald) and R v Moore (Richard) ((1994) 15 Cr App R (S) 97).

3 A serious medical condition, even when it was difficult to treat in prison, would not automatically entitle an offender to a lesser sentence than would otherwise be appropriate: R v Wynne (unreported, CA. April 18, 1994).

4 An offender's serious medical condition might enable a court, as an act of mercy in the exceptional circumstances of the particular case, rather than by virtue of any general principle, to impose a lesser sentence than would other-

wise be appropriate. Applying those principles in the present case and taking into account that the judge's starting point was too high, the age of the appellant and, as an act of mercy. his medical condition, their Lordships concluded that the sentence passed by the judge was longer than was necessary.

Solicitors: Mian & Co.

inferences that might or might not by the Court of Appeal in the local legitimately be drawn from evidence and whether a presumptive

jurisdiction. Save in exceptional circum-

stances the Board would not enter

upon a rehearsing of such issues.

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Middlesex selector wins final £1,000 prize

# German solidity wins out with French connection

STEVEN BIRCHFIELD carried off the real honours in The Times's Euro Interactive Team Football's main compe tition, but there was a final section prize of £1,000 to be won, encompassing the final stages of the European championship.

The winner of section five of the Euro ITF game, run in association with Winterthur, was Mr R. Sindall, of Edgware, in Middlesex, whose team, Natianmat, amassed 53 points for the section. He finished 71st overall.

Mr Sindall's XI boasted the

complete set of France defenders — Thuram, Blanc, Desailly and Lizarazu — as well as the most valuable England players, Gascoigne and Shearer, and the Germany coach, Berti Vogts, whose 25 points was the highest score by either manager or player. The full team of Mr Sindall

was as follows:

Goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar (Holland)

Bixente Lizarazu (France) Lilian Thuram (France)

Central defenders Laurent Blanc (France) Marcel Desailly (France)

Midfield players Patrik Berger (Czech Rep. RS) Andy Möller (Germany) David Platt (England) Paul Gascoigne (England)

Jürgen Klinsmann (Germany) Alan Shearer (England)

Manager Berti Vogus (Germany)



The presentation for Mr Birchfield, the winner of Euro ITF, was made yesterday at the Credit Suisse building in Cabot Square. Trevor Brooking, the former England mid-field player and television commentator, handed over the cheque to the winner and his wife.

The final standings in Euro ITF were extremely close, with only four points separating Mr Birchfield's team from his closest rival, Mr J. Bingham, of Thames Ditton, Surrey. In third place, five points addift of the winner, was Mr R. E. J. Ryall, of Watford, Indeed, the competition was not decided until Oliver Bierhoff's dramatic "golden goal" in the fifth minute of extra time on Sunday.

Apart from Vogts, who as manager of the championship-winning team was always likely to be the highest points-scorer, the leading scor-ers in Euro ITF were a Frenchman and an Englishman. Laurent Blanc, the Auxerre central defender, and Alan Shearer, the Blackburn Rovers forward, both scored

Part of the skill in being a

played a full part in the tournament. Therefore backing the right man - most astute judges picked Zinedine Zidane, the France midfield player — was important.

importance of having these two players at least was emphasised by the fact that all of the leading three selec-tors had this double act in thir

The perceptive Euro ITF selecturs recognised the im-portance of having goal-scoring defenders and mid-field players in their side, as well as defenders and goalkeepers who kept clean sheets. Hence the value of players such as Lizarazu and Sammer, of Germany, who scored 12 points apiece; and also of the Czech Republic pairing of Berger — who converted the Czechs' penalty in the final — and Poborski, who amassed ten and 12 points respectively. Other valuable midfield players included Gascoigne, of England, and Vincent Guerin, of France, who both scored 13

Upfield, the sole criterion was goals and thus most selectors plumped for Shearer who scored five goals in the European championship and was the tournament's leading scorer - and Klinsmann, who, despite missing one game through suspension and one-and-a-half games through injury, still managed to find the back of the net three times during Euro 96. Three other forwards made it into double figures: Suker, of Croatia, Djorkaeff, of France, and Teddy Sheringham, of Tottenham Hotspur, who all scored ten points.

In the managers' category, it was a simple case of backing a winner - and most eventually ended up with Berti Vogts. A large number of Euro ITF selectors started the game with Vogts as their manager, although Mr Birchfield, the eventual winner, began with Javier Clemente, the Spain coach, but transferred him after the disappointing start made by the Spanish against

Euro ITF selector was choosing the correct Rising Star. Sixteen young players were selected by an expert panel before the European championship began, one from each the vagaries of selection, form and injuries, not all of the designated Rising Stars have

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Steven Birchfield and his wife, Loraine, centre, are awarded the £25,000 prize by Peter Spälti, of Winterthur, right, and Trevor Brooking

# Larger Louts succeed with Bierhoff

goals on Sunday for Germany turned around his team's fortunes and made Steven Birchfield's. Mr Birchfield, from Ipswich, is now £25,000 better off, thanks to Germany's victory over the Czech Republic in the final of the European champ-

ionship. Birchfield, 31, and his wife, Loraine, had waited anxiously for the success of their Euro Interactive Team Football team. Larger Louts, to be confirmed after Bierhoff's golden goal had settled things at Wembley on Sunday eve-ning. They had to wait only until 10pm, when a telephone call put their minds to rest and triggered the start of the celebrations in the Birchfield blodesuori.

11 13 2 21 are going on holiday to Amerwas going to be very close in the end and I am told we would not have won if Germany had lost," Mr Birchfield, a screen printer, said.

"ideally, I wanted the Germans to win 1-0 and for Sammer to score the goal because my other German outfield player, Reuter, wasn't playing. As soon as the Czech

Steven Birchfield, the Euro Interactive Team Football winner, tells James Willoughby his method of success

Republic scored, I thought it was the end, but luckily it was Berger, my rising star, who took the penalty and that made up for Köpke, my per, and Sammer ios ng their clean sheets.

"li was never a penalty anyway. The foul was clearly outside the box." The success of Larger Louis underlines the importance of using the transfer system to

the whole thing that much more exciting for us." Mr Birchfield admitted that the full. Larger Louts made 19 although he has a keen interest in European football, he needed the help of The transfers to achieve the win-

STEPHEN BIRCHFIELD'S FINAL XI

"I think The Times's Euro Times's Euro 96 supplement ITF has been a fantastic to select some of his players. competition and I am not just "I knew most of them, but had never seen Lizarazu and

saying that because I won."
Mr Birchfield continued. Berger and picked them "I have played other games because of the write-up they like this and you have to stick were given. After that I kept with the team you chose at the up with the team and injury start. The Interactive element news both in The Times and makes it interesting and made In picking and fine-tuning his team, Mr Birchfield, an

Everton fan, realised the Importance of a solid defence from the start and made his back four and goalkeeper a

> T e initially looked no n me Ger 1 1 man pair, Sammer and Reuter, and added Köpke as the tournament reached its conclusion. Berti Vogts, the Germany coach, was an ever-

present. "The Germans are traditionally good in defence, but ironically, it was their goalkeeper, Köpke, who nearly cost me because I had used Seamen for most of the competition; Seaman is the best

goalkeeper in the world."
At the other end of the pitch, Larger Louts could drink to the success of England's Alan Shearer and Youri Djorkaeff, of France. Shearer's five goals gained much-needed points and any side without him struggied to make an impact in Euro ITF. Djorkaeff was one of the players who most

impressed Mr Birchfield. Djorkaeff always looked dangerous and impressed me very much. I like the way he plays and he also impressed me as a team player, unlike many other strikers.

"Although I had the best side on paper, I do not think they would blend particularly well. All great sides need some players who are prepared to take a back seat. Too many individuals can spoil a for example. They looked to have the last Premiership title in the bag until Keegan

signed Asprilla." The Birchfields have already planned a number of purchases with the prize money, including a widescreen television. And their six-month-old baby, Ryan, won't he missing out. "We are going to get Ryan a shirt with 'Giggs' on the back."

(Player's name)

# Vogts, the Germany coach, had a score of 25 points

### GOALKEEPER: Andreas Köpke (Germany) ica to celebrate. We knew it FULL BACKS: Stefan Reuter (Germany)

ning combination.

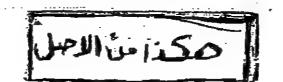
Bixente Lizarazu (France) CENTRAL DEFENDERS: Matthias Sammer (Germany)

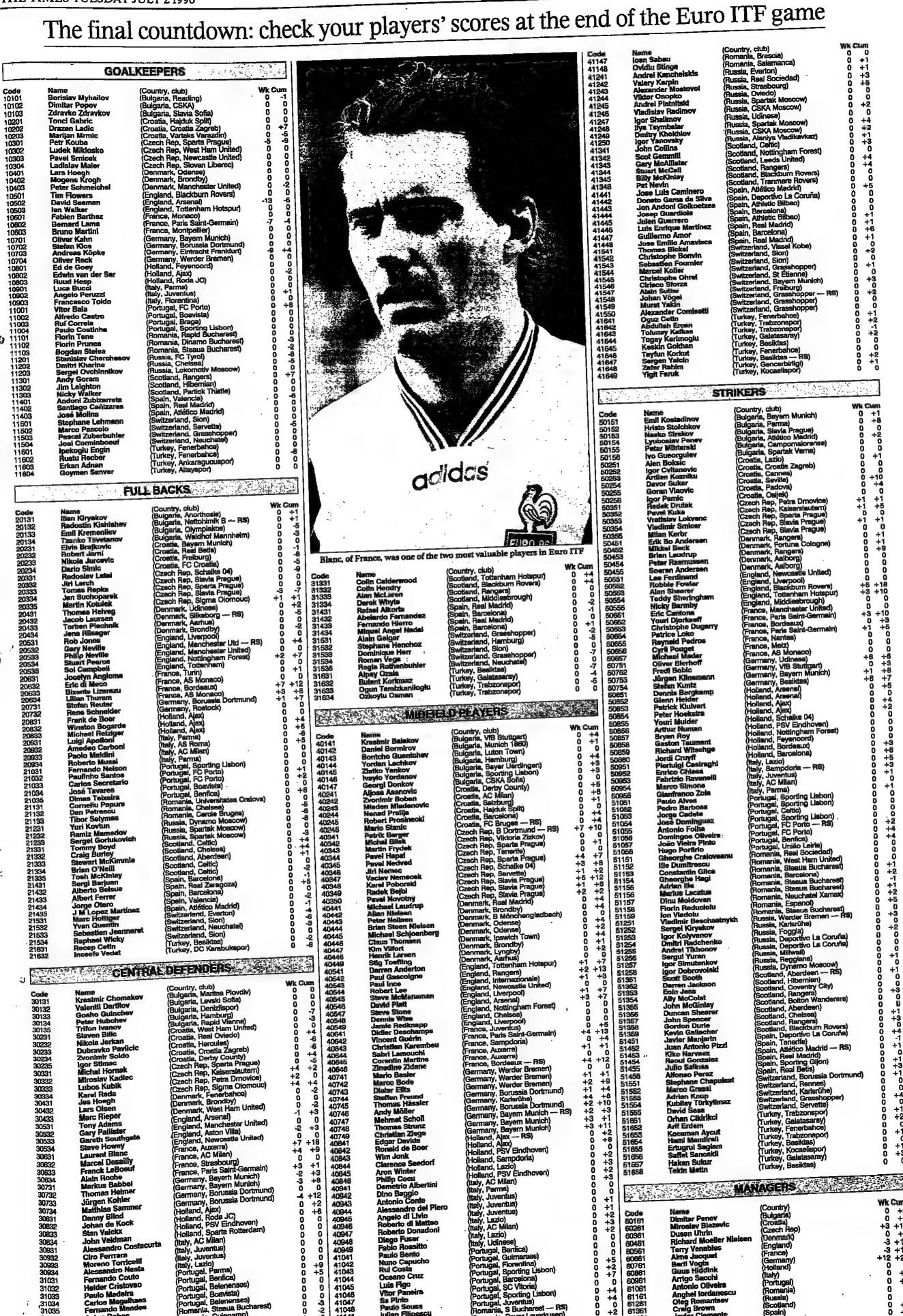
Laurent Blanc (France) MIDFIELD PLAYERS: Paul Gascoigne (England) Patrik Berger (Czech Republic) Didier Deschamps (France) Ronald de Boer (Holland)

STRIKERS: Youri Djorkaeff (France) Alan Shearer (England) **MANAGER: Berti Yogts (Germany)** 

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# THE TIMES TODAY

# NEWS

### Tories shift their election strategy

■ The Conservative Party shifted its general election strategy radically by drawing up a battle plan which recognises for the first time that Tony Blair has changed the Labour Party.

The Cabinet approved a far-reaching new campaign plan drawn up by policy, organisation and advertising chiefs, which effectively scraps all previous strategies for attacking the Labour leader. Party sources admitted that previous attacks on Mr Blair had "failed to land punches"...... ..... Pages 1, 10

### Tim Henman beats 23-year jinx

Tim Henman became the first British man to win a place in the Wimbledon quarter finals in 23 years after beating Sweden's Magnus Gustafsson 7-6, 6-4, 7-6 in a thrilling Centre Court match. He will probably play the American Number 13 seed, Tod Martin, tomorrow ...... 

### Train ambush

train near Bedford and tried to force schoolchildren to hand over their pocket money were arrested after a violent scuffle with rail staff. . Page I

### BSE memo

The European Commission issued denials after the emergence of a six-year-old memorandum reporting an alleged decision by European veterinary officials to play down BSE..... Pages !, 8 Ecumenical Blair

# Tony Blair, a practising Angli-

can, has received communion in a Roman Catholic church, fuelling speculation that he might wish to convert. His wife, Cherie, is a Catholic. ...Page 2

### Jump for joy

An RAF pilot could not resist joining SAS troops in a freefall parachute jump over Zimbabwe, a court martial was told. He abandoned his co-pilot .....Page 3

### **Testing time**

The biggest shake-up of the driving test since 1935 was launched when thousands of learner motorists sat down to the new written driving exam ...... Page 4

# Doctors' secret

Two doctors hid the fact that a pregnant woman was dying from breast cancer from both her and her family, the General Medical Council heard .... ... Page 5

### Fairy-tale debut

Three youths who ambushed a John Hurt has been so impressed by a student's film script that he has agreed to waive his fee and play the lead character, a statue that comes to life when visited by ... Page 6 a swallow.

### Beef warning

Demand for beef may never recover fully from the BSE crisis, Franz Fischler, the EU Agriculture Commissioner, said when he was opening the Royal Show at

### NHS waste

Harriet Harman announced plans to slice £100 million from health service management costs to improve patient care within the Labour Party's first year of government......Pages 10, 17

### Somme memories Thousands met at the Thiepval

memorial in northern France to commemorate the eightieth anniversary of the first offensive in the Battle of the Somme...... Page 11 Weary Yeltsin

Looking tired and frail, President Yeltsin made a final appeal for reelection when the polls open tomorrow. Kremlin aides said he was getting over a cold ... Page 12 Mongolia upset

Mongolia has voted surprisingly, and resoundingly, for the democratic opposition, ending 75 years of control by communists and their heirs..

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chief executive of Britain's first

multi-utility, has received a 27 per

cent pay rise, taking his basic sala-

Economy: Britain's strengthening

consumer sector helped to produce

the first rise in manufacturing for

C&J Clark: The family-owned shoe-

maker is shedding 1,400 jobs in an

attempt to become more competi-

tive. The move comes in the wake of

sliding sales and repeated board-

room upheavals....... Pages 25, 29

Markete: The FT-SE 100 index rose

14.6 to close at 3725.6. The mark

rose by 0.4 to 2.3683 and the dollar

closed at 1.5549 up 0.4. Sterling's

trade-weighted index rose from

ry to £300,000 ....

86.3 to 86.4.

# TOMORROW

Rain stopped play twice at the Wimbledon tennis championships yesterday but brought out a rainbow. Pages 1, 40, 41, 48

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Tennis: On a day affected by rain at

Wimbledon the top seed. Steffi

Graf, and the No 4 seed, Arantxa

Sánchez Vicario, reached the quar-

ter-finals of the women's

Athietica: Linford Christie will de-

fend his 100 metres title at the

Olympic Games in Atlanta. At 36

he is the oldest, by six years, of the

probable contenders ...... Page 48

Cricket: Yorkshire took a 19-point

lead in the Britannic Assurance

championship when they beat

Worcestershire by III runs with ten

Football: The Government prom-

ised its backing, with money from

the National Lottery, if England

bids to stage the World Cup in

minutes to spare.....

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Indestructible Time: The veteran rocker Tina Turner launched her British tour with stunning energy and charisma at Murrayfield Stadium in Edinburgh..... Page 32

Peterson returne: Despite suffering a stroke which limits the use of his left hand, jazz virtuoso Oscar Peterson was in triumphant form

at the weekend ...... ..... Page 32 Save the casket: "Even if the Victoria and Albert Museum makes a painful financial sacrifice in order to secure the Becket reliquary, it will be a price worth paying," Richard Cork writes ..... .... Page 33 Fresh air at Bowes: The Bowes

Museum in County Durham has stirred up controversy by hosting a show of 35 avant-garde British and German artists ...

Twin goels: In the second part of Robert Crampton's interview, Terry Venables reveals his magic moments from Euro 96 and explains his coaching aims ...... Page 15 What price? Day Two of our series

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on the cost of living compares

1.57 - 1.69 Judicial review: David Pannick. QC, looks at how Judges reach their

Poor lew: The White Paper on legal aid will increase bureaucracy and make the poor pay more ... Page 37

FILE PAPERS (\*\*

Negotiations in Geneva are stuck, but it is too early to give up on a treaty that would extend a nuclear test ban to the final "free" environment - underground. India, the lead spoiler of the talks, is now the single country most responsible for holding up the full benefits of a long-sought, valuable and all but completed international agreement — The Washington Post

Complaints about solicitors; waste in the NHS; Becket's casket; morality and faith; MPs' pay: Broadcasting Bill. .. Page 17

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### TYLISTINGS

Preview: Robert Lindsay and Isla Blair are a harassed manager and his frosty boss in a comedy pilot. The Office (ITV, 8.30pm). Review: Matthew Bond on a disappointing journey through the Wild

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### Under fire

Tory MPs who believe in strengthening Britain's defences should be defending this policy...... Page 17

### Mongolia revived

It is now a country that will welcome the international investment it sorely needs......Page 17 Marriage à la mode

If the bridegroom sets a fashion by wearing a gold brocade kneelength frock-coat, what should the best man wear? ....

### COLUMNS

### LIBBY PURVES

The history of the late 20th-century Labour Party is now being uncannily repeated in the history of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. An honest institution is being hijacked by extremism ....

### WOODROW WYATT

Devolution would mean there would never be another effective Labour government. A devolved Weish assembly would result in the number of Welsh seats being reduced to 34, making it still harder for a Labour government to be DIANE KUNZ

Dole may advertise his war wounds but he avoids emphasising his war service, even though it stands in total contrast to Clinton's draft dodger rag. The explanation for this failure says little about Dole and much about the last taboo in America — the subject of class .....

### PETER RIDDELL

The Tories should ask whether Mr Blair's approach and instincts are shared by his party and whether his caution on making promises and public spending can be reconciled with the overall promise that 🦙 new Labour could really change

# DETRUARIES

Alfred Marks, comedian; Michael Wishart, artist and writer: The Right Rev Ross Hook, Bishop of Bradford.....

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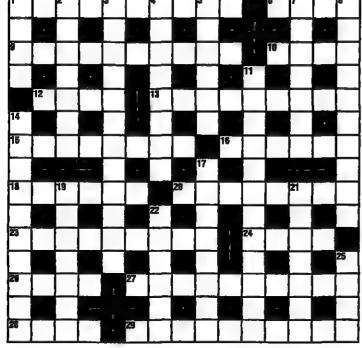
frock coat. Ms Failes wore peach tulle ......

Gazza makes it match of the day

Paul Gascoigne married his girlfriend Sheryl Failes with

Hertfordshire hotel, drinking champagne in the back of one of

nine white stretch limos, and changed into a gold-embroidered



# ACROSS

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- 12 River sport (4). 13 One way to board a vessel with worker giving support (9).
- : 15 Former spouse gave a parting ring and cracked up (8). 16 Keen artist backed to make an
- impression (6). 18 Tell the story of City during ceremony (6), 20 Fashionable, we hear, to have
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- 24 First Lady with new flat (4). 26 Ungenerous approach (4).
- 27 Free of restraint, unlocked? (10). 28 Staunch supporter (4).
- 29 Shabby and on one's uppers or a bit behind? (4,2,4).

- 1 Decline to produce fashion note
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- brother, say, produced (4.8). 4 Placed when appeal to University
- is accepted in full (8). 5 Energy and drive one way to detect this self-seeker? (6). 7 Family business on decline (7).
- 8 Many abandoned staff in this difficult position (5,5). 11 Disaffection between dreadful sergeant and soldiers? Precisely! (12).
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- this ruffian (8). 19 Match points are given after brief competition (7).
- 21 Altered arrangement that can drive machinery (7). 22 Fury arising from taunt in six-nil hiding (6).
- 25 Hero no longer active, reportedly (4).

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☐ Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney: Mostly dry and bright. Becoming cloudy with patchy rain in evening. Wind light and variable becoming moderate to fresh E later Cool. Max 13C to 15C (55F to 59F). ☐ Shetland: Dry with bright or sunny spells. Wind light NW becoming Eleter Max 12C (34F).

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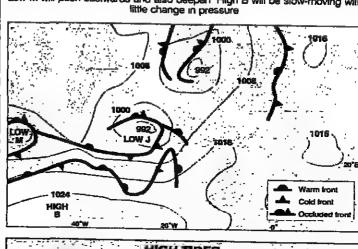
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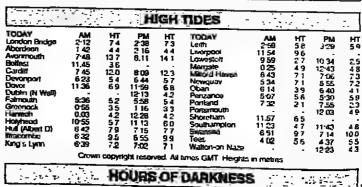
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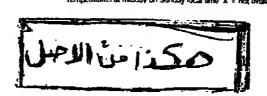


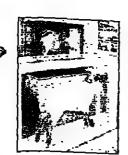


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Contemporary artists flock to County Durham



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**TUESDAY JULY 2 1996** 



Executive pay bonanza at United Utilities

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

UNITED UTILITIES, the country's first multi-utility, has awarded its chief executive a 27 per cent pay rise and its chairman a rise of 24 per cent. Brian Staples, chief executive, is now paid a basic salary of £300,000, up from £235,000. Meanwhile, Sir Desmond Pitcher, chairman, has had his pay increased from £255,000 to £310,000. Other directors have had rises of 13 per cent and 11 per cent. On top of the salary packages, the

remuneration under two incentive schemes. One will make short-term awards based on the annual financial performance, the other will reward directors for performance on three-year cycles,

The long-term plan will link payments to total shareholder return, which will include the growth in share price and gross dividends, It also demands that the company's performance ranks in the top half of the FT-SE 100 and carnings per share

wth exceeds the retail price index by at least 2 per cent per year. According to the annual report, Mr Staples received £142,000 in bonuses last year, of which E48,000 was a special payment relating to the acquisition of Norweb. Bob Ferguson, finance director, was paid a

special bonus and received £76,700 in annual bonus payments. The salary increases, high even by the standards of utility companies,

bonus of £32,000 for the takenver. Sir

Desmond waived his right to a

are defended by the remuneration committee as being in line with extra responsibilities assumed after North West Water bought Norweb, the

regional electricity company, and became United Unitries. In March, United Utilities said it would make 1.700 job cuts over the next three years on top of the 800 announced at the time of last year's merger. The company used the same announcement to reveal a 5.8 per cent increase in water bills and a 4.9 per cent increase in electricity bills.

☐ John Baker, chairman of National Power, yesterday made a profit of more than £239,000 by exercising share options granted four years ago. He made a paper profit of £117,000 on options granted at 264p, and a \$122,000 cash profit on 48,000 shares sold at \$19.5p. Brian Birkenhead, finance director, gained \$208,000 with the sale of 54,331 shares at £138,816 and a paper profit of £69,390 on shares held at a 264p option price.

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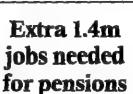
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BRITAIN needs to create an extra 1.4 million jobs to fund the pensions of retired people, a study of older workers says

today (Philip Bassett writes). Business leaders will hear at a conference the findings of a study by the Carnegie Trust into the "third age" - people who have moved beyond normal working and child-rearing lives but are still healthy

and active. The study says: The drop in employment opportunites for all age groups means that people will not be able to rely on continued earnings to help them provide for pensions and avoid poverty in their later years."

Grey power, page 29

# Output rise may stall new rate cut

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

BRITAIN'S strengthening consumer sector helped to produce the first rise in manufacturing for six months. The news is likely to make Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, cautious about calling for a rate cut when he meets Eddie Goerge, the Governor of the Bank of England tomorrow.

The latest survey from the Chartered Institute of Purchasing Supply showed that its index rose to 50.9 per cent in June from 47.0 per cent in May, the first sign of improve-ment in manufacturing since December. Any reading above 50 per cent indicates an expansion in activity.

A sharp increase in orders and output largely reflected a strong pick-up in demand for consumer goods which the institute put down to a combination of better weather and widespread discount promo-

The purchasing managers' prices index fell to the lowest evel seen since this survey began in July, 1991.

THE Halifax house-price

index showed its first

monthly fall for 10 months

in June, slipping 0.3 per cent. However, the recovery

is continuing, with sales and

lending continuing to grow

strongly. Prices are at their

The Halifax, Britain's largest lender with 25 mil-

lion borrowers, said that it

had expected some flatten-

ing off of prices after the

sharp increases in recent

months. It reported that

prices were up 4 per cent

Society's index showed a

similar result, with a 3.9 per

cent increase since June

1995. While its findings

showed prices rising 0.5 per cent last month, this is due

to variations in its sample of

Ian Shepherdson, econo-

mist at HSBC markets, said

that the fall in the Halifax's

index should not be over-

The Nationwide Building

over the year.

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highest level since 1991.

Peter Thomson, Director-General, said that he welcomed the return to growth but noted that it had been achieved by intense price discounting by suppliers battling to win business. "Weak order books are stilling activity amongst manufacturers of

Euro 96 may have boosted M0 narrow money supply in June, as fans from the Contnent stocked up on sterling and neavy bets were t on matches. M0 jumped 1.3 per cent, the biggest increase angual rate leapt to 7.3 per cent from 6.3 per cent. The lottery jackpot rollover may also have played a role.

plant and machinery, while consumer goods makers are enjoying a continued period of buoyancy," he said.

Jan Shepherdson, chief UK economist at HSBC Markets, said that if all the action was in the consumer sectors, it would

He explained: "This cor-

rection was bound to happen. Indeed I am surprised

that it did not happen soon-er. Supply and demand were out of kilter. There

were many more people

looking to buy than there

were good quality houses on

"Now people are seeing reports of house price rises and realising that it is worth

putting their homes up for

sale. This will slow the rate

of price increases for the

still very much on track and

prices will continue to trend

upwards. We're sticking to

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rise 5 per cent and that

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The Nationwide noted

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"However, the recovery is

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House prices show

signs of levelling

BY ANNE ASHWORTH

not be enough to lift manufacturing as a whole as production of consumer goods accounts for only 6 per cent of the total. David Walton, of Goldman

Sachs, said that he still expected official readings for manufacturing output to fall in both the second and third quarters. Mr Walton said that yesterday's PMI survey coupled with separate news of a surge in M0 narrow money supply will probably prove sufficient

when Mr Clarke meets Mr George tomorrow. Before yesterday's figures, there had been speculation in the City that the Chancellor could push for another quick rate cut to help to end the

stagnation in manufacturing industry. But many economists still believe that subdued inflation. with industrial costs and prices expected to fall sharply, will allow Mr Clarke to cut rates again in the months

Further highlighting a picture of strengthening consumer demand were figures from the Bank of England showing strong demand for mortgages in May.

Net mortgage lending total-led £1.6 billion compared with El.1 billion in April, the highest level since late 1994. Gross lending totalled £5.8 billion, up from £5.4 billion and mortgage approvals were also up strongly at £5.7 billion from £5.5 billion.

Adrian Coles, Director-General of the Council of Mortgage Lenders, said that these figures confirmed that banks and building societies have been seeing higher levels of mortgage lending since the

spring.

He said that the recovery should continue and that rises in both mortgage lending and house prices would now become more consistent and less erratic than they have been in the recent past.

Consumer credit growth slowed in May when credit rose by £684 million compared with April's record increase of £1.1 billion. Economists said that this was unsurprising given disappointing retail sales in May.

Other figures from Dun & Bradstreet yesterday showed that the number of British business failures had dropped by about 16 per cent to 9,290 in the second quarter compared with a year ago.



# Highland closes in on Macallan

By Alasdair Murray

HIGHLAND Distilleries yesterday moved to snap up the remaining 49 per cent of the Macallan group with an £88 million cash offer which values Macallan at £180 million. Highland, which aiready holds a 26 per cent stake in Macallan, said the offer price of 152.5p is final, even though it is below Friday's closing price of 187p. Shares in Macallan plummeted to close shares rose 3p to 374p. Macalian said yesterday its board would meet soon to consider the offer, but with Highland having secured the backing of the other major shareholder, Suntory, the Japanese drinks company that holds a 25 per cent stake, Highland already has enough

votes to take control. Highland and Suntory will set up a joint venture to run holding up to 75 per cent of the share capital and Suntory continuing to own 25 per cent. Brian Ivory, chief executive of Highland, defended the offer price as "generous", saying it valued Macallan at twice the the sector average. He added that Highland had informed the Macallan board

of its intentions ahead of the bid but felt unable to negotiate an agreed bid due to the

organised in the most produc-tive way." Mr Parker said the redundancies would cost "north of £10 million". Clarks

made pre-tax profits of £24.8

million last year, on sales of more than £720 million, but

the results masked poor per-formance in the footwear divi-

sion, which spans brands such as Clarks, Ravel and K Shoes.

accountant, identified over-

staffing at the Street head-

quarters, which has been an

administrative centre since

shoe production ceased in

1992. It also indicated that the

company would struggle to

keep all its factories occupied.

since 1993, when shareholders

narrowly rejected a takeover bid by Berisford International.

Clarks has been drifting

Coopers & Lybrand, the

Highland said the joint venture with Suntory cemented a strong trading relationship between the two companies and Suntory would continue to distribute Macallan in

Highland acquired its 26 per cent stake in Macallan from Remy Martin for £47 million in January, at a similar discount.

# Pennington, page 27 takeover offer

By JASON NISSE AND RICHARD THOMSON

ADT, the Bermuda-registered security group chaired by Michael Ashcroft, has agreed to a \$3.4 billion takeover by Republic Industries. a fastmoving US conglomerate valued at less than \$100 million last August

Republic, which has made 50 acquisitions in less than a year, is headed by Wayne Huizenga, the Floridian enterpreneur who founded Blockbuster Entertainment and Waste Management and now owns the Miami Dolphins football team. Since he took control the shares have risen 14-fold and the company's valuation by more than 2,300 per cent.

Republic is offering a complex fornula of shares which values each ADT share at \$20, compared with a closing price of \$18'2 on Friday. If the deal proceeds, the combined group would be worth \$5 billion and if it fails Republic will be given options on 15 million ADT shares, slightly over 10 per cent of the company. Mr Ashcroft, who founded

the company as Hawley Group 12 years ago, will be staying on as chairman and chief executive of ADT and will be joining the board of the enlarged company. His personal stake will be valued at \$112 million. The Republic offer should have no effect on the £250 million all-share bid made by ADT for Automated Security (Holdings), announced two weeks ago. ADT said that, instead of receiving ADT shares in the deal, ASH shareholders would be given

# at 158p, while Highland Factories shut as Clarks the ADT accepts \$3.4bn shoemaker cuts 1,400 jobs

C&J CLARK, the family owned shoemaker, is shedding 1,400 jobs in an attempt to become more competitive. The move, which sees factories closed from Devon to Cumbria, comes in the wake of sliding sales and repeated boardroom upheavals. Some 330 jobs are to go at

the head office in Street, Somerset. Factories are to close in Plymouth and Shepton Mallet, Somerset, with the loss of 320 and 400 jobs respectively. A further 245 jobs will be lost in Askam-in-Purness, Cumbria, Clarks continues to employ more than 13,000 people in the UK. Tim Parker, chief executive

since January, said the cuts

were intended to provide the

foundations for profitable



been chipping away at a few hundred jobs a year, but has never really got to the bottom of it. I think we've got a lot going for us at the front of the house. It was just in the back of the house that we weren't

growth. He said: "Clarks has

Street of despair, page 29

# John Maris Congratulations to the children's broadcaster whose much loved features pemain undimmed on his 80th birthday.

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# Southern sells 25% of Sweb

SOUTHERN Company the US utility, has sold a 25 per cent stake in Sweb, the regional electricity company, heightening specu-lation that it may be preparing for the acquisi-tion of another UK utility.

The stake was sold to a subsidiary of the Pennsylvania Power & Light for £121.5 million, and Southern may now move on South West Water, which faces two hostile bids from water companies.

### Microgen rise

Microgen Holdings, the memory services and document services company, increased pre-tax profits to £4.87 million (£4.47 million) in the six months to April 30. The interim dividend rises to 2.4p (2.3p).

### Beale boost

Reale, the department stores group, lifted pre-tax profits to £2.36 million (£1.85 million) in the 26 weeks to April 27. The interim dividend rises to 2.55p a share (2.2p).

### Phoenix return

Phoenix Timber Group. the timber treatment and flooring products company, returned to the dividend list for the first time since 1991, paying 0.2p a share for the year to March 31.





Cleveland Trust, the industrial property investment company, is buying a 75 per cent interest in the Port of Boston in Lincolnshire for £465,000. Nick Ridley, left, the managing director of Cleveland Trust, and David Heynes, right, the chairman, are pictured with James Sutcliffe, chairman of Sutcliffe Holdings, the shipping company, which will own the other 25 per cent investment in the port

# Dassault-Aerospatiale merger plan unveiled

Desmault

THE FRENCH Government ended weeks of speculation yesterday by unveiling its blueprint for the merger of Dassault Aviation, the military aircraft maker, with Aérospatiale, the state-owned aerospace group.

The merger, a project which President Chirac has personally backed, will create a major rival to British Aerospace and to Germany's Daimler Benz Aerospace. The French Government said it intended to maintain a

majority stake in the new

group but that it hoped to bring in outside shareholders as soon as possible.

By the beginning of January, it said, the "technical, financial and industrial" aspects of the merger should be

In a brief statement, the Government did not give any details of the merger operation nor indicate who would lead the new company. But it said a number of industrial and technological areas in which the firms' activities complemented each other had been identified.

The French Government aiwarrant for his arrest issued by a Belgian judge in connec-tion with an investigation into ready owns 45.76 per cent of Dassault, maker of the Mirage and Rafale warplanes, a 1989 contract to modernise and it has 55 per cent of voting F16 fighter jets. He has denied any wrongdoing.
According to Prench newsrights. However, it has had to overcome the opposition of Serge Dassault, chairman of

paper reports, the Dassault the company, to the merger. family has negotiated to keep a 27 per cent interest in the He gave in finally last month new company. M Dassault has also lobbted for the presiafter the Government apparently made clear its intention to force through a deal, if dency of a new supervisory board. The reports have necessary, by nationalising helped to propel Dassault shares to record heights in M Dassault's resistance recent weeks. They closed also appeared worn down by a yesterday up 69 francs at Fr868, fuelled by local reports earlier in the day that the merger would go ahead.

The deal is part of a broader restructuring of the entire French military and civil defence capability to suit the post

Cold War era. The goal of President Chirac, who announced in February that he wanted the two companies to merge, is to build an aeronautics and space group to rival its US competitors and be a driving force in Europe.

# BT stands ground in Oftel battle

BRITISH TELECOM, In its final response to the new regulatory package proposed by Oftel, reiterated its call for the right to appeal against the regulator's decisions on anticompetitive matters.

Unless the two sides reach a peace agreement, the package will be referred to the MMC. Oftel is due to respond to BT within two weeks. BT will then decide at a board meeting on July 23 whether or not to

accept the package. BT has more or less welcomed Oftel's proposal to make the new price cap — which will control prices for five years from 1997 — less tight, but criticised the attempt to insert a fair trading clause into its operating licence. The clause would allow Oftel to determine what constitutes anti-competitive practice and give it the power to force BT to

cease such practices. Oftel said it does not have the power to offer the right of appeal, but BT hopes current legislation can be altered, or new legislation passed, to allow such rights.

Pennington, page 27

# Amstrad deal lifts Betacom

SHARES in Betacom, the phonemaker in which Amstrad has a 66 per cent stake, doubled yesterday to 29p when Amstrad confirmed it would transfer its loss-making consumer electronics business to the

company (Jason Nisse writes). The deal paves the way for Psion to confirm its £234 million offer for Amstrad, revealed first

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Norman Becker, Betacom's chairman, said under its aegis, Amstrad Consumer Electronics would be profitable

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from day one. He denied that Betacom would become a "son of Amstrad" for Alan Sugar, Amstrad's chairman. "He will not be going on to my board. His only relationship will be through Amstrad's shareholding in us and his 34 per cent stake in Amstrad."

Tempus, page 28

# SE to cut £53m in survival blueprint

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE LONDON Stock Exchange yesterday unveiled a blueprint for its survival, which includes cutting more than £53 million from its annual budget and reducing its workforce by nearly 400 to

Fields Wicker-Miurin, director of strategy and finance at the Stock Exchange, said the medium-term business plan, which would reduce costs to £120 million, was intended to maintain the prominent place of London in the global pecking order of stock markets.

It was also a move to retain the market's present position of accounting for around 90 per cent of the worldwide trading in UK equities, she added.

In order to promote London as the best place from which to operate a broking business, Ms Wicker-Miurin said the stock exchange planned to extend its trading areas to include emerging markets and European Union and non-EU

securities. .
Delegations from the

Loodon Stock Exchange have recently visited South Africa. India, Vietnam and China,

Ms Wicker-Miurin also said that the reforms, which should be completed within two-anda-half years, would make "the entire market more efficient and "transform ourselves into a leaner, more focused and

effective organisation". Future income for the Stock Exchange would come pri-marily from information, trading and companies, but that mix will change, she added.

In a bid to allay fears in certain quarters that the Stock Exchange and its policymakers were intent on protecting the interests of only the largest players in the market. John Kemp-Welch, chairman of the Stock Exchange, said: "Our role is to ensure and safeguard the long-term quality of our markets for all users. We must help our members and market-users to thrive and grow, by delivering the highest quality services at the most competitive prices."

### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

# **British Gas to give** pricing objections

BRITISH GAS will today deliver its objections to the regulator's price control plans for its supply division. Proposals from Ofgas would limit British Gas's household prices to the rate of inflation minus five percentage points from next year, meaning an annual cut of E8 on bills. The controls, which at present call for RPI-4, would last to the end of the century by which time full competition in deposition. of the century by which time full competition in domestic gas would be expected to remove the need for regulatory price

Although the company and Ofgas are not as vehemently at odds over the supply controls as they are over the regulator's plans for TransCo, the pipeline operation, British Gas is expected to argue for more leniency. The controls would trim E60 million a year from supply. Meanwhile, British Gas is forging a joint venture with HFC Bank of the US to work on financial services. The company, to be called Golden Eagle, is likely to offer financial services as competition escalates.

# **Escom plans closures**

ESCOM UK, part of the German computer manufacturing group, is to close 65 former Rumbelows branches, bringing 227 redundancies. Escom UK, which bought the 231-store Rumbelows chain from Thorn EMI last year, will employ about 1,000 people and have 168 computer shops after the cuts. It hopes about 90 of those who are made redundant will be reemployed. Escom UK said the decision to make closures had been taken by its management team and was unconnected with the parent company's DM120 million loss last year.

# **Coda losses hit shares**

SHARES of Coda Group fell 48p to 157p yesterday after the computer products and services company reported losses of £3.7 million before tax during the six months to April 30, compared with profits of £1 million previously. Losses were 13.9p a share, against earnings of 2.7p previously. Again there is no dividend. Turnover was unchanged at £15.2 million. The losses reflected a sharp rise in administrative expenses to £18.39 million, up from £13.36 million last time.

# Campaign criticised

A £12 million advertising campaign designed to help to reverse the fortunes of the cable industry has been described as ineffectual by the third-largest cable company. Dan Somers, chief executive of Bell Cablemedia, whose shareholders include Cable and Wireless, said it may have heightened awareness about cable TV and telephony but has otherwise "done nothing" to boost subscriptions. The campaign, launched in March, created by J Walter Thompson, and featuring Dawn French, the comedienne, is one of the biggest in any industry this year.

# Hadleigh doubles final

HADLEIGH INDUSTRIES, the manufacturer of industrial storage tanks, is doubling the final dividend to 4p after enjoying a rise in profits to £1.8 million before tax in the year to March 29 from £837,000 previously, adjusted to reflect a loss on disposal and losses incurred by companies that were subsequently sold. Earnings rose to 17.4p a share from an adjusted 8.2p. The total dividend rises to 5.75p from 3p. The company had net cash of £1.6 million at year-end compared with £500,000 previously.

# AT&T homes in on UK

AT&T, America's largest long-distance phone company, yesterday launched its residential service in the UK. The service will provide users with access to AT&T's nationa and international network by dialling a three-digit code before making the call. The company claims that its rates will be substantially cheaper than BT's. AT&T said it plans to offer other services, including mobile, multime-dia and calling-card services, in an effort to build a £1 billion residential business in Britain.

# Cinven buys radio unit

CINVEN, the venture capital company whose clients include the pension plans of British Coal and Barclays Bank, yesterday bought Philips Telecom Private Mobile Radio from Philips Electronics for £40 million. The company, based in Cambridge, makes and supplies mobile radio systems for "closed" user groups such as emergency services and the military. Cinven said it made the purchase because of its potential for international growth, especially in developing countries that lack a conventional telecoms infrastructure.

# Dalgety £14.25m buyout

DALGETY, the food group, has sold Dalgety Produce, its potato business, through a management buyout for £14.25 million. Proceeds will be used to reduce group horrowings. The business, with annual turnover of £100 million, deals solely in potatoes from seed through to pre-packed, operating in Shropshire, Herefordshire. Cambridgeshire. Lincoinshire and Perthshire. The buyout team, advised by KPMG Corporate Finance, was led by Alan Owens and Andy Behagg plus other members of the senior management team.

# **Associated Nursing dips**

ASSOCIATED Nursing Services, the largest nursing home operator in London, reported pre-tax profits of £251 million [2.63] million), or 11.5p per share, in the year to Murch 31. The fall was caused by a change in accounting and severance costs totalling £479,000. Operating profits grew 9.3 per cent to £3.77 million on turnover of £15.2 million, up 21 per cent, as the occupancy rates and number of beds increased. The total dividend rises 10 per cent to 3.3p. A £20 million expansion will take the number of beds from 2,000 to 2,600 by the end of the year.

# Radio for Noddy and friends

CHILDREN love TV. and rarely, much to their parents' disappointment, listen to the radio. Two London mothers think they know why. Radio, unlike TV, simply does not cater for the imaginations and short attention spans of kids. The solution: Troe FM, also known as London Children's Radio, an FM service with an ing on the time of day, of drooling two-year-olds to streetwise pre-pubescents. Jane Curzon and Rikki Wall∼ the station's founders, say the children's radio market is wide open and have recruited the Trocadero Group to back their efforts to get it on the air. Trocadero, which owns the Trocadero leisure centre at

Piccadilly Circus and recently



Trocadero owns the rights to characters such as Noddy

characters created by Enid Blyton, the author behind Noddy and Big Ears, has come up with the 170,000 required to submit the Troc FM application to the Radio Authority. Deadlines for applications are on Tuesday and

the winner should be known

by the autumn. True FM will be competing with more than a dozen applicants, but Ms Curzon, 35, and Ms Waller, 37, neither of whom has any experience in radio, think Troc FAI has a

good chance of winning. Ms Curzon said: "It's the only format that we're aware of that will expand the market in any way. Who else is going after two to 12-year-olds?"

Indeed, it is an idea that has not gone far in the past Radio 5 experimented with children's programming a year or so ago hut decided that pop music, not talk, is the only way to lure kids away from the TV. Ms Waller and Ms Curzon say the Radio 5 experi-ment failed because of lack of marketing, not inappropriate

Ms Curzon, speaking on a Mickey Mouse telephone says Troc FM will target two to five-year-olds with "Wibble Wobble Wadio while programming would get more sophisticated in the afternoon and evening, when older children are expected to tune in.

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DALLAN SHIACH, chairman of Macallan-Glenlivet, enjoys a second life as an occasional Hollywood scriptwriter. An odd fact, that, but the speed and brutality with which his family firm was sold down the river should provide him with plenty of background for a high-finance blockbuster - not so much Wall Street as Mait Street.

There was nary a sign of a Macallan face at the City briefings by Highland Distillers, the purchaser. The deal was stitched up by the locations of the control of the contr up by the Japanese Suntory, which has agreed to sell its 25 per cent holding in Macallan into a Highland-controlled joint venture and remain as a passive investor while still handling distribution in the Japanese mar-ket. This triggered an automatic bid for the remaining 49 per cent. Macallan was left considering

its options, which are limited. The family hold 20 per cent and there are a few supportive institutions in there, but the new men in control can simply turn off the dividend flow. Life is never comfortable as a dissident

minority investor, and the family will eventually have to sell. A Highland strike was always inevitable, and it was always going to be expensive. The price is almost 30 times this year's forecast profits, but Highland is unlikely to rue the deal, which adds a Speyside single malt to its

stable of Highland and Islay brands. It brings Macallan's

that only went seriously into single malts in the 1970s, yesterday in whisky terms.
Highland acquired its stake from Remy in January, at 152.5p a share when Macallan's price was in the ISOs. The two are close - there is a cross shareholding and distribution links, part of a tangle of stakes that mean Highland will not itself suffer the indignity of a hostile takeover. Yesterday the outstanding equity was bid for at 152.5p, when the share price was again in the 180s.
A strange situation, a hostile takeover bid at a discount to the market value. No wonder High-

well-aged stocks to a company

land shares rose. The strike comes as whisky prices recover from several years of heavy discounting, caused by high levels of stocks and pressure from the big supermarkets. A whisky that sells at £8.99 a bottle is either a very poor one, or one sold at less than the price of production. For decent brands, £10 is the real barrier, and one crossed in the wrong direction by Whyte & Mackay in 1994. The

### result was that the other good brands, Bell's, Teachers and Highland's The Famous Grouse.

were forced to follow. The damage has been re-paired, and they are back grouped around the £12 level, which is where they like to be, after forcing through 4 per cent price increases at the start of the year. Whisky is again a profitable business to be in.

But it is also a remarkably relaxed one, and the shake-up Highland is delivering may be overdue. Hard to imagine the chairman of a big engineer moonlighting, say, as an occasional writer of romantic novels.

### Regulators must be allowed to regulate

□ WATCH out for BT. Its behind-the-scenes lobbying threatens to shake up the very nature of regulation, and the consumer could be the loser.

BT is at war, as usual, with Don Cruickshank, the Oftel Director-General. Mr Cruickshank has made some effort to broker a peace — his proposed

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The dram busters



new price controls on BT's services are much less tight than the current ones - but he appears to be holding his ground on the competition clause he wants to insert into BT's operating licence. The clause would allow him, in effect, to be judge, jury and executioner on behavior he deems to be anti-competitive. BT argues that such a clause is inherently unfair unless it comes with the right of appeal. Unless it gets that right, the company will probably reject the entire regu-latory package, leaving Mr Cruickshank no alternative but to take the matter to the Monopo-

lies and Mergers Commission.
It is easy to sympathise with BT's position, because the right of appeal in a democratic society

is no luxury. But BT is not an ordinary citizen. The company still dominates almost every sector in which it operates, and complaints about misbehaviour the latest from the cable companies, which have rightly accused BT of cold-calling their ex-directory customers to win them back - are common.

The real issue, however, is the future of regulation itself. Regulators exist to regulate. If BT is awarded the right to challenge Mr Cruickshank's every decision, then he would cease to be a regulator, becoming instead little more than a commentator.

More important, if BT gets appeal rights it would be difficult to deny them to other regulated utilities. Could British Gas and water and electricity companies be far behind?

BT, of course, already has an appeal mechanism in the form of the MMC. Oftel and BT have used the MMC in the past, most lately to determine whether the Yellow Pages business was abusing its market position. It should be up to the MMC to decide whether Mr Cruickshank should be allowed to go forward with his

competition clause and, in the interest of consumers, the MMC should come down on Mr Cruickshank's side.

### Exchange on the road to nowhere

☐ THERE was a telling moment at the Stock Exchange's briefing designed to point the way to a more transparent, better-run market. Whatever happened to the report on corporate governance the Exchange's board commissioned, someone asked. All complete. Will it be released? All complete. Will it be released?
Certainly not, said John KempWelch, the chairman. You will
only get to see the bits that are
good for you.

Stripped of all the waffle, the
Exchange's medium-term business plan shows some awareness
of the problem and precious little
idea where to go next. There is

idea where to go next. There is much about developing relationships and promoting markets, and sticking to core skills.

The authorities have reacted as any business would that was threatened by outside and more efficient competition. They have

slashed costs to bring these in line with falling revenues. The Exchange's problem is that it has stood still, and time and competitors have not. It is still a cosy cartel dominated by jovial insid-ers with an ill-defined regulatory role whose main concern is to exclude foreign securities houses rather than designing a game at which the home team can hope to win. Witness the mindless delays that have beset computerised

share trading.

A decade after Big Bang. hundreds of millions have been spent and we still do not have a system for allowing one investor to trade with another on a variety of specialised markets adequate for the last years of this century. This is all anyone should want from a stock exchange.

### Shocks all round

WHEN the corporate megalomania that is United Utilities was born, we were all told of the obvious synergies to be gained by running a water and power company under one roof, which rather implies that this would be easier than running them sepa-rately. But no: it is now much more difficult, you see, so the directors need more money. A few more deals, and the company should be all but impos-sible to run, and the directors' pay really up in the stratosphere.

Carclo share

price falls

on warning

SHARES in Carclo Engineering fell 29p to 263p yesterday after the special-

ist engineering company

issued a warning that

slower order books will knock first-half profits

ecutive, said: "The order intake across the group is

stable, but not growing at

Carcio also announced

its results for the year to

March, which were in line

with City expectations. Pre-tax profits rose by 9.3 per

Earnings per share be-

fore exceptional items jumped 10.8 per cent to

The total dividend is

from 10p, with a final 7.31p.

cent to £18.2 million.

(Clare Stewart writes). Ian Williamson, chief ex-

# S&N gets a kick start after £308m at full time

BY ALASDALE MURRAY

THE European soccer championships have helped Scottish & Newcastle, the brewing and leisure company, kick off to a strong start this year. Brian Stewart, chief executive, said sales had increased throughout June - and with consumer spending set to improve in the UK and continental Europe, he was optimistic beer sales would remain buoyant.

Mr Stewart added that the integration of Courage, acguired for £550 million from Foster's last August, was running ahead of schedule and cost savings of £9 million had already been made. Scottish anticipates that cost savings will increase to £45 million this year reaching a total of E75 million a year by 1999.

Mr Stewart's comments came as S&N unveiled a 16 per cent rise in full-year profits before tax and exceptionals to £308 million. The company made £151 million exceptional charges to cover the reorganisation of Courage, although the acquisition has been earnings enhancing.

The retail division increased operating profits 10 per cent to £157 million, boosted by a strong performance from managed pubs, where profits rose lo per cent. But tenanted pub profits fell 5 per cent after the disposal of 230 pubs as part of the Office of Fair Trading requirements for the Courage takeover. But the company

THE BSE scare claimed another victim as Aberdeen Steak Houses, the restaurant group, predicted a first-half loss for 1996.

Worries about "mad cow" disease put

diners off their steak, and for the fifth year

Despite much improved results for 1995.

Ali Salih, chairman, said that the outcome

for 1996 remained uncertain. But he said:

"I believe there will be no permanent

With sites in popular tourist locations

damage to the overall businesses."

running, the dividend is off the menu.

insisted it planned no more disposals from its tenanted

S&N added that it would concentrate on revamping 140 Chef and Brewer pubs, with an emphasis on food, and was looking to roll out nationally its youth orientated chains such as the Rat and Parrot. The brewing division in-

creased profits 48 per cent to £121 million, including a 37 week contribution Courage. On a like-for-like basis profits rose 3 per cent to E85 million. Scottish said it has enjoyed a strong second half, with profits rising 9 per cent due to cost savings and a switch to premium brands. International sales increased to 400,000 barrels, with strong growth in the US and

Europe. Profits in the leisure division, which includes Centre Parcs and Pontin's, fell 2.6 per cent to £86 million due to increased development costs and weak consumer spending in continental Europe. But the company reported an improvement in bookings, which should show through in the

second half. S&N added that its balance sheet position had improved, with free cash flow of £48 million. Total dividend is up 8 per cent to 19.43p with 12.88p final payable on September 2

Restaurant group expects to incur first-half loss after BSE scare

Tough on Aberdeen Steak Houses

traditionally reliant on the second half of

the year, coinciding with the peak

holiday season. A manager at one of the

Oxford Street restaurants said that business had now picked up, having been hit in April by the BSE scare.

Last year the group saw pre-tax profits

quadruple from £541,000 to £2.21 million,

with turnover up 18 per cent to £18.16

million. Earnings per share jumped from

2.2p to 11.6p. Sales were boosted by the

opening of two new steak restaurants

and the upgrading of a number of other



# MFI plans more European stores

By Sarah Cunningham

considering an expansion into Spain and Portugal and plans to open up to 25 new stores in France this year.

The company, which yester-day revealed a 12 per cent drop in pre-tax profits for the year ending April 27 to £58.1 million, wants to lessen its exposure to the performance of the UK housing market.

It opened 25 new stores in France last year, making a total of 86. They made a profit of £1 million, MFI's first retailing profit in France in ten years of operating there. Derek Hunt, chairman, said the company will open 20 to 25 new stores in France in the coming year and was now searching the possibility of opening stores in Spain and Portugal. He said it was a natural progression. The company has also set up four

MFI, the furniture group, is German retail partnerships in

the past year.
MFI, whose managing director is John Randall, is recommending a final divi-dend of 2.9p, making a full-year dividend of 4.4p compared to 4.25p per share last year.

Profits were down because of a squeeze on margins due to a sharp rise in raw material costs in the first half of last year. The cost of converting many of MFI's UK stores into the new Homeworks format - with a different floor layout, better lighting and less warehouse space — also weighed on profits. It aims to convert all its 184 UK stores to

the format in the next three The shares rose op yester-

day to close at 180p.

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# Sunderland lands top job at Cadbury

By CLARE STEWART

appointed John Sunderland, 50, as its new group chief executive, to succeed David

his intention to retire in March. He will hand over to Mr. Sunderland on September 9, just after the announcement of the group's interim results. Mr Sunderland joined the

Cadbury board in 1993, when he was appointed managing director of group confectionery. He joined the group as a graduate in 1968 and has held a Tempus, page 28 number of senior appointments, including commercial director of Coca-Cola and Schweppes Beverages, and managing director of Trebor Bassett Group.

A number of other manage-

ment changes are expected. A spokesperson said they would be finalised by September. Mr Wellings was Cadbury's highest-paid director last year.

with a total package, excluding pension contributions, of E676,000. As head of group confectionery, Mr Sunderland has a £366,000 package.

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outlets. The 35-strong chain includes 24 Angus and Aberdeen steak restaurants.

as well two American Burger outlets.

Other outlets include coffee shops and a

Shares in Aberdeen Steak Houses

which are traded on the USM, were

unchanged at 36p. The shares are

expected to trade on Ofex when the USM

ends this year. There was no hint

close to 80 per cent of the shares, will

move, as has been speculated, to buy out

yesterday whether Mr Salih, who has

new brasserie format.

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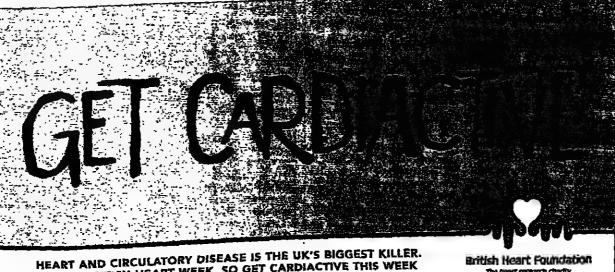
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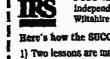
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# Wall Street helps London to move further ahead

stock market extended Friday's gains with the help of an early mark-up on Wall Street after the weekend break.

The FT-SE 100 index closed at its best of the day with a rise of 14.6 points at 3,725.6 as nolitical worries receded. But turnover left much to be desired, with just 606 million shares changing hands by the close. Fund managers were in no rush to open fresh positions at the start of the new quarter. The absence of any hard corporate news and the affect of the summer season kept them sidelined.

Among blue chips, BTR continued to hit new lows with a fall of 5p at 24812p despite announcing its latest disposal aimed at repositioning the group. It is selling Lister-Petter for £80 million to Schroder Ventures. The group has now raised £481 million from disposals this year, but that did not impress the City.

Glaxo Wellcome also ros 3p to 869p after raising £580 million from a disposal, while Thorn EMI slipped 3p to £17.91, having sold its security business for £61 million.

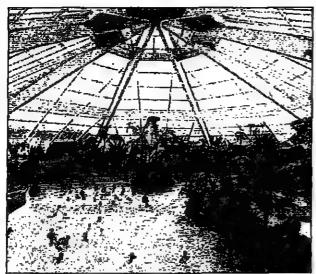
ADT, the Bermuda-based car auction and security group headed by Michael Ashcroft put on a late spurt to finish 395p dearer at £15.50 after agreeing a \$5 billion bid from Republic Industries.

The terms value ADT at \$26 (£16.70). Only last month ADT agreed to pay £85 million for Automated Security Hold-

ings, up 8p at 45p. Shares of Macallan-Glenlivet, the whisky distiller, tumbled 29p to 158p after Highland Distillers, of The Famous Grouse fame, teamed up with Suntory, the Japanese drinks giant, to bid for the remaining 49 per cent of the company they do not already

The terms of the offer are at a substantial discount to the ruling market price. Highland's offer is worth 152.5p a share compared with the 187p Macallan closed at on Friday. The deal values Macallan at £180 million. In January Highland paid 15212p for 26 also has 25.2 per cent of Macallan and now both companies intend getting together to form a joint company. Highland, 3p dearer at 374p, does not intend to increase the

MFI Furniture was marked op higher at 180p on



Center Parcs' contribution fell short for S&N, up 4p

the back of some positive comments about prospects and a 15 per cent surge in sales its biggest since the 1980s. That has led to brokers increasing their profit forecasts for the current year.

Nick Bubb, retail analyst at Mees Pierson, has increased his final numbers by £13 million to £77 million, claiming that the group should be

ed to make savings of £75 million a year. Center Parcs saw its profit contribution fall. A warning about a shortfall in first-half profits left Cardo Engineering nursing a fail of 29p to 263p. Last year Carclo increased pre-tax profits from El6.6 million to £18.2 million. Shares of Richards Group were suspended at 24p while awaiting the publication of

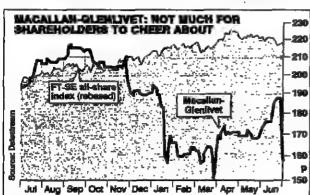
Blick is linking up with Amano, the world's leading supplier of time-controlled equipment, to form a joint venture aimed at launching new products worldwide. Hopes are high that the joint venture company will be floated on Nasdaq in its own right within five years. The shares rose 7p to 518p.

able to maintain sales growth of 15 per cent a year. Full-year figures from Scottish & Newcastle, Britain's biggest brewer, lived up to City expectations and the shares were rewarded with a rise of 4p to 663p. Pre-tax profits were up from £265 million to £302 million before charges of £150.8 million relating to the creation of Scottish

Courage, which is now expect-

delayed full-year figures. The group announced in May that it had come across a number of accounting errors that would lead to the company reporting a substantial loss. It is currently in talks with the bank about securing the required facilities to see it through.

Waterhouse Group saw its shares suspended at 31p pending the late filing of its



sions brought the number of companies whose shares have been frozen, so far, this year to

The affects of "mad cow disease are proving costly for Aberdeen Steak House, which s expected to turn in a firsthalf loss this time round with the outcome for the full year uncertain. As a result, the company does not intend to propose a final dividend. The

phone supplier, saw its share price double from 1412p to 29p after it was announced that Amstrad was to inject its consumer electronics business into it as part of an internal restructuring. Amstrad, which is expected to be the subject of 230 million bid from Psion owns 66 per cent of Betacom. The move is designed to make Psion's takeover of Amstrad work smoother. Amstrad, which is also shedding 50 jobs, rose 5p to 196p, with Psion

climbing 60p to 410p. Coda Group, the computer software specialist, fell 48p to 157p after plunging into the red last year with losses of £3.7 million against a profit last time of £993,000.

First-time dealings in Jasmin, the electronics systems designer, established a useful premium on the Alter native Investment Market after a placing by Gerrard Vivian Gray at 88p. It ended at 96p, a premium of 8p.

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# TEMPUS

# House buyers hold the key

DEREK HUNT, chairman, was creditably cautious yesterday about MFI's 15 per cent increase in sales in the first nine weeks of this financial year. He admitted the company did not know why sales were up and had no idea if the rise would be sustained.

The company is making efforts to move away from its heavy dependancy on the UK housing market by opening stores in France and by planning an expansion south from there into Spain and Portugal. But the UK, with its distressingly unpredictable house buyers, will remain by far the largest part of its business. Meanwhile, the expansion abroad is going to add to costs, and converting all of its UK stores to the Homeworks format will also be expensive.

Capital expenditure went up from £36.7 million to nearly £60 million last year and the

company expects a similar level this year. Staff numbers are also rising because of the increased number of stores and a build up of manufacturing capacity.

On the plus side, although it is still a

cyclical business - despite the company's efforts - conditions are now in its favour. Even if turnover for the year as a whole is up a more probable 12 per cent, profits still look likely to reach £80 million. And if 15 per cent growth turns out to be sustainable, then they are forecast to make it to £90 million.

Sustainable or not, the good nine weeks will help interim profits, particularly as raw materials costs have come down from their 1995 peak. So, good results in the short term are in order, beyond that a lot more than MFI would wish still depends on consumer confidence and the domestic housing market.

### S & N

RUMOURS of the death of Britain's brewing sector have almost certainly been exaggerated. The brewers have endured a rough ride over the past few years as beer sales have declined by about 2 per cent a year. The industry still faces further consolidation, once the complex hurdles to a Carlsberg Tetley sale are finally cleared

at some stage later this year. But the benefits of the sector shake-out are beginning to trickle through into the brewers' profit column. Scottish and Newcastle led the way towards consolidation with the purchase of Courage last year. The gradual removal of excess capacity has enabled Scottish to begin to restore its badly bruised margins and the company remains optimistic that margins can be further

year. Scottish will also profit from the increasing cost savings of integration, scheduled to reach £75 million by the end of the decade. Beer sales probably have

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further to fall before levelling off, but the great cheap lager push is over. Brewers are now matching a wider but better targeted range of energetic retail estate. The company, which earns one-third of its profits from brewing, sits on a forward

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price earnings ratio of around 14.5 times. With consumer spending set to grow and more cost savings in the pipeline, there is no need to write an obituary for the shares at the moment.



### Amstrad

ALAN SUGAR may have pioneered cheap stereos and computers, but he is not known for giving away anything for nothing. Yet it is hard to see how his deal with Betacom to offload Amstrad Consumer Electronics does anything for Amstrad itself, except clear the decks for the Psion takeover.

Arnstrad is giving Betacom three brand names, a load of stock and some supply contracts in the Fast East. In return, it gets, well, nothing. Not even a contribution to the cost of the 70 redundancies which the deal causes.

Of course, Amstrad can argue it is getting rid of a loss-making business. But if 70 redundancies a couple of years ago it would probably

The fact is that David Potter, the chairman of Psion, does not want ACE

sold to Betacom. And as Amstrad owns 66 per cent of Betacom, a deal to enhance that company's value simply makes it more attractive when Dr Potter decides to sell the stake, which on Friday night was worth £15 million and is now priced at nearly

£30 million. To add to that, City analysts reckon Amstrad probably has £100 million of cash now, and PC maker Viglen is worth more than £50 million. Which makes the £234 million valuation implied by Psion's potential 200p a share offer for Amstrad look far too cheap.

# Carclo

SO much for the "feel-good" factor and economic recovorder books at Carlco, the specialist engineering company, yesterday knocked the shares and prompted analysts to trim forecasts.

Carclo's four main divisions each put in a solid per-

group has sold businesses that do not fit its niche strategy, accounted for reorganisation costs and beefed up its capital investment to improve efficiency.

The impact is reflected in its stronger operating margins, up from 10.7 per cent to 11.7 per cent last year, and in its earnings rise of nearly II per cent to 20,6p.

Carclo sees strong prospects for growing its already sizeable business supplying textile combing mills. Acquisitions have helped strengthen its position as one of the two largest players world-wide, and it now has its sights on new markets in Asia that are making their mark in textiles. The automative cable business winning new orders.

A more marked profits recovery is expected from 1998 onwards as the benefits of recent investment feed through. The shares remain a long-term buy despite the current uncertainty.

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# Taking a livery at Barclays

LONG faces at the open-ing of Bardays first London-based private bank yesterday, situated only a few doors down from its global private banking arm at 54 Grosvenor Street.

After 15 years working together, liverymen Denis Flaherty, 54, and John Taylor, 56, are being kept apart. They started out in the executive dining rooms at 54 Lombard Street, then both moved with Barclays to Royal Mint Court. In 1993, the double act changed into morning suits, and moved to 49 Grosvenor Street

Yesterday, Denis was moved to the bank's new offices at 59 Grosvenor Street John sighs: "We're still going to meet up for our ritual cup of tea - 150 yards won't keep us apart."

### Personal view

NEDCOR SECURITIES in Johannesburg is distancing itself from a recent report written by analyst Michael Coulson in its London office, who painted a negative picture of South African Breweries, recommending that holdings in the stock be reduced. An embarrassed apology has been issued by the company and, ac-cording to Richard Laubscher, Nedcor group chief executive. the report misinterpreted developments in the South African economy expressing "the personal views of the analyst concerned". To add to the confusion, the analyst shares his name with a well-known financial journalist in South Africa.



# Second place

A CONSOLATION prize for Charles Toner who looks out of the running for Peter Birch's job, when he retires as chief executive of the Abbey National in April 1998. The bank confirmed yesterday that Mr Toner, 54. managing director of the retail division, and a candidate for Peter Robinson's job at the Woolwich, will act as the bank's deputy chief executive until retirement.

# Offline Tory

PAUL SYKES, the Yorkshire business tycoon and Britain's 72nd richest man. has mysteriously with-drawn as Tory candidate for the Labour stronghold of Barnsley Central only two months after his selection. According to the Consevative Association. Mr Sykes's Integrated Technology Europe and Planet Online Internet business is taking up too much of his time. But according to an unhappy Mr Sykes: The truth is, I'm finding it increasingly difficult to keep the party line on Europe."

# Brave step

JOHN SUNDERLAND. 50, who takes over from David Wellings as group chief executive at Cadbury Schweppes this autumn. was recovering yesterday from a "wild" weekend. The man who likes nothing better than to chew on a caramel Milk Tray was dancing the night away last Saturday in spite of a broken knee, celebrating his youngest son's 18th

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# Generation of 'grey power' is growing in significance

Philip Bassett on

why business is rethinking its

attitude towards

older workers

then Eric Clapton, Bob Dylan and The Who played at the weekend to 150,000 people in London's Fiyde Park, these Sixties pop icons proved that they are not yet too old to rock in roll. Business is slowly learning the same lesson, that older is not synonymous with useless; and today a range of blue chip companies, including Marks & Spencer, Whitbread, BT, Ford, IBM. Commercial Union. Midland, Peugeot and Unitever, will examine a new study showing what business is increasingly coming to realise is the value of older workers - the so-called

"third age" group.
"If through unfair discrimination, by design or hy accident, we remove older workers from the potential labour force, we reduce the capacity of our economy to grow, and we increase the load on younger and future generations," said Howard Davies, deputy governor of the Bank of England and former head of the

Bill Cockburn, chief executive of WH Smith, is adamant that getting rid of older workers simply because of their age is both foolish and expensive. He acknowledges that many companies faced with pressure to cut costs shed older staff first, but argues that it is a false economy and that the climate for such moves is in any case changing.

Mr Davies agrees: "It is salutary to note that in both France and Germany, many major employers are putting early retirement behind them as a means of downsizing and are looking at other ways of reducing capacity when they have to."

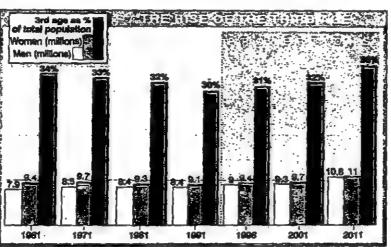
Today's study from the Carnegie Trust, drawn up in close co-operation with business, goes further. It says that Britain will need to create 1.4 million new jobs just to fund the pensions and benefits of those who are retired - and this at a time when the workforce is contracting, falling by half a million over the past five years, rather than increasing as the Government predicted.

Business leaders have come together this summer to create the Employers' Forum on Age, aimed at persuading employers to recognise the significance of age as an employment issue, and of both the value of older workers and the cost of getting rid of them unnecessarily - often, as Mr Davies points out, "by assuming that they can load the cost on

to the pension scheme". Fred Edwards, chairman of the Carnegie Trust's third age programme committee, says: "People in the third age provide us with an opportunity for a huge new injection of talent, wisdom and experience, provided we make use of them — instead of wasting them through ageist attitudes and

stereotypes."
As the graphic indicates, in 1961 17.3 million people were third agers - so called because they have completed their second age of conventional work and child rearing, but have yet to reach activity rate - the proportion of them





the fourth age of dependency - according to the Government's Office for National Statistics. ONS projections, however, suggest that by 2001 there will be up to 19 million, and by 2011, after an even more rapid acceleration, 21.8

Though the overall population is increasing -- official projections suggest that it will be 59.8 million by the turn of the century and 6L3 million a decade later - the proportion who are third agers is growing too: projected to rise from 30 per cent in 1991 to 36 per cent in the year 2011, driven by longer life

expectancy.

This has a strong impact on a range of economic issues, including pensions and the ability to pay for them. At the same time, many companies have been restructuring by getting rid of their older workers, so that even though there are more older people, their economic

participating in the economy - has steadily fallen over the past 25 years. and is set to fall further into the next century.

For men aged 55 to 59, for instance,

participation rates are down from 74 per cent in 1995 to 69 per cent in 2006. And the recession of the early 1990s had already taken its toll, pushing down participation from 81 per cent in 1990. Greater workforce flexibility has not helped third age workers, today's report suggests. Citing a 12 per cent fall in the employment of men over 65 just in the 12 months to last winter, the study says: The impact on older workers, far from making it easier to enter the labour

market, has been adverse." Formally, the Government is sanguine. Looking at medium-term eco-nomic prospects, the Treasury said last year: "We might hope to see a gradual recovery in participation rates of older men, and hence an increase in potential output, as each successive generation of older men' is less affected by the labour market changes of the last 20 years than its predecessors."

in an analysis of the labour market for third agers in today's report. Chris Trinder, chief economist of the Char-tered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, and Richard Worsley, director of the Carnegie third age programme, are socptical, suggesting there appears to be more hope than conviction" in the Treasury's view.

Ian Holms would agree. Two years apo. Mr Holms found himself in his 50s. out of work, and apparently unable to find an employer who would hire him. Angered, he was instrumental in setting up in his home town of Bournemouth what he called a mature workers register, which sought to match available skills and experience with local business needs.

So far 500 people - most of them men, with an average age of 53 and an average unemployment behind them of 13 months, have joined the register, which is now funded by the Government's Employment Service and by the Covernment's Employment Service and the Covernment's Employment Service and Service S Dorset Training and Enterprise Coun-cil. A total of 115 have found new jobs through the register, most of them with small firms, and most in wholly different lines of business, with a complete change of career direction. Mr Holms says: "The register has shown that a real impact can be made on the problem of older people excluded from the job market." He would like to see it emulated in other parts of Britain.

Such "grey power" has a long way to go in Britain before it can emulate the lobbying force it commands in America. for example, where the third age vote is considered a highly significant electoral slice, and where many job CVs now explicitly exclude detailing an appli-cant's date of birth (although employers have become expert at decoding such political correctness by working it out from the dates of jobs held or qualifica-

But the strength of the age lobby is not being underestimated by business in Britain. Companies like B&Q have improved efficiency at some of their stores, such as the DIY chain's Macclesfield branch, by employing only older workers — and gained considerable positive publicity from doing so. Firms such as Marks & Spencer know from customer feedback that shoppers vasily prefer more experienced employees in some areas of the store - selling women's underwear, for instance.

John Monks, TUC General Secretary, one of the speakers at today's Carnegie report launch, says: "Older workers have skills, reliability and experience qualities that employers should use, not lose." There is now probably a bigger head of steam in business on the issue of older workers than there has ever been in Britain. Key business leaders are convinced that British industry and services will have to shift away from its "oldest out" strategy of recent years although older workers, feeling the pinch of job insecurity at least as much and maybe more than most are likely to remain sceptical until a good few more employers follow the B&Q route.

"Hope I die before I get old," The Who sang in 1965. As the Hyde Park concert showed, such hopes are long gone for them - and older workers will be looking for British business to reject such juvenilla too by fully embracing the coming of the third age.



# Simple sums in a leap year

defined as someone who sees something working perfectly well in practice and immediately asks: "Ah, but would it work in theory too?". The propensity of economists to pore over abstruce equations and computer printouts instead of applying their common sense to the behaviour of their fellow humans, has rightly discredited their proion in the eyes of the public. Yet as the intellectual quality of economics has diminished, economists have been rewarded with wealth and power on a scale to which Adam Smith, Riccardo, or even Keynes,

could never aspire. Not only are hundreds of financial economists curning telephone-number salaries these days in the City and Wall Street. More importantly, the statistical gib-berish disgorged by monet-ary models and inflation forecasts is now treated as holy writ, at least when these pronouncements issue forth from the economic oracles in central banks.

How can the world defend itself from the selfimportance of economists, especially those that work for financial institutions and central banks? One way is to note the absence of simple common sense in the financial markets. Consider just three recent examples.

Last month, British economists were amazed by the weakness of the May retail sales figures, even though it was obvious to anyone who had spent that month shivering in rain-swept Britain that nobody was buying summer clothes. In two weeks' time, the analysts will doubtless be equally amazed, by the rebound in علي أنمام

In 1994, central banks around the world were tightening monetary policy to snuff out commodity infla-tion. If the central bankers had talked to anyone in the London Metal Exchange instead of poring over their monetary entrails, they might have discovered that commodity inflation had more to do with a Japanese copper cartel than with the global money supply.

The best example of the markets' inability to deal with simple facts emerged just a few days ago. Last nomic Planning Agency shocked the world by announcing that Japan's supposedly moribund economy had grown by 3 per cent between the last quarter of 1995 and the first quarter of this year. This astounding growth rate, equivalent to rate, was the strongest re-corded in Japan since 1973.

However, the EPA quietly added that the GDP figure. though "seasonally adjusted", was not adjusted for the fact that 1996 was a leap year. Financial analysis shrugged this off as an irrelevant quirk, and went back to fiddling with their models to "prove" that Japan was now in a boom. There seemed to be only one, the resolutely irreverent Brian Reading of Lombard Street Research, who bothered to calculate the simple arithmetical effect of adding one extra leap day to the first quarter of 1996.

The result, published in a letter in last Friday's Financial Times, inumediately solved the mystery of Ja-pan's unexpected boom. Adding one extra day to the 60 normal working days in a quarter would increase GDP by 1.7 per cent. Even allowing for the fact that some service industries work 90 days in a normai quarter, rather than 60, roughly half of Japan's 3 per cent growth miracle was due simply to the leap year.

The day after Mr Reading spelt this out in his letter, the FT International Edition published a mocking rejoinder from the chief economist at Jardine Fleming in Tokyo. This was in some ways more interesting than Mr Reading's little discovery itself:

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"Mr Reading's suggestion that more than half of the first quarter growth was due to the leap day was a bit much. Leap days are not introduced at short notice. If it was the leap day, why then did the leap day accountants not forecast the strong figures?"

I don't know who "leap day accountants" may be. But when it comes to economists I think I know the answer: an economist is someone who sees something that is obviously true in practice and says: "But is it true in theory too?

# Jon Ashworth examines the impact of changes at C&J Clark

# Street of despair feels force of cuts

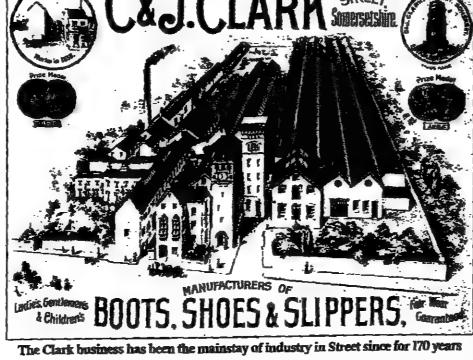
rive down the "golden mile" in Street, Somerset, and it is impossible to escape the presence of C&J Clark, maker of Clarks shoes. The familiar Clarks emblem lines the shop windows. Shoppers make day-trips from South Wales, the Midlands, and even Tunbridge Wells. Clarks Village, an American-style factory shop, attracts nearly three million visitors a year.

But something is wrong in Street. Behind the shopfronts, the air is filled with deep foreboding. For each of the residents is connected in some way with Clarks, one of the last privately owned family dynasties in Britain, and the loss of even one job strikes deep at the heart.

Locals saw their worst fears confirmed yesterday when Clarks aimounced the loss of 1,400 jobs. Street will bear 330 of the cuts, all of them in the back office. Nearby Shepton Mallet is even worse off, with 400 redundancies, while 320 jobs go in Plymouth. The cuts extend to Cumbria, where the K brand factory in Askam-in-Furness is to close, with the

loss of 245 jobs. Michael Cooper, chairman of the Street chamber of trade. said the cuts were felt as deeply as in 1992, when Clarks closed its last factory in Street. ending a shoe-making tradition that stretched back nearly 170 years. The latest redundancies leave 800 people in the back office, and 400 in

warehousing. Mr Cooper said: The tragedy is it's a one-company town. in the home counties, this happens to someone down the road or across the street. Here, it might happen to five people



in the same road." Mr Cooper said the impact of the cuts had been spread more widely than the days when workers cycled 800 yards from their homes to the Clarks headquarters. Today, they are as likely to commute from nearby Taunton, Bridgwater and Shepton Mallet. Nevertheless, Clarks continues to dominate Street. which has a population of 10,000, and fears about the future remain. There isn't much in the way of other employment," said Mr Cooper. The older people are more stoic about it. It is the vounger ones with mortgages and kids who are the worry."

Clarks remains one of Brit-

ain's largest privately owned companies, generating sales of more than £720 million a year. It employs more than 13,000 people in the UK, with seven main factories, and more than 600 shops, trading under the Clarks, K. and Ravel names. Most of the 1,000-strong Clark family can trace their lineage back to James Clark, who founded the company with his brother, Cyrus, in 1825. Gather the Clarks together, and one is struck by a distinct family

Anger over growing losses at Clarks spilled over into a family fend in 1992, when rebel shareholders demanded the resignation of Walter

Dickson, the non-family chairman. Mr Dickson survived a stormy vote on the affair, but resigned a year later, after failing to win approval to sell the company to Berisford

ebel family members. including Hugh Pym. the ITN reporter, argued that it would be better to wait for fortunes to improve, then seek a stock market flotation. The move had been tried once before - in 1989 but was narrowly defeated by shareholders. Mr Dickson was replaced by Roger Pedder, a Clarks family member. John Clothier resigned as chief executive in 1994, clearing the way for Tim Parker, who became chief executive in January. Mr Pedder remains non-executive chairman. Mr Parker, formerly with

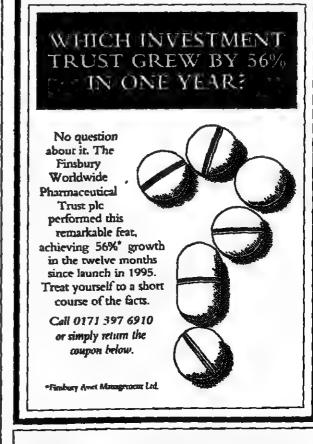
Kenwood Appliances, hopes that Clarks can now build on its undeniably strong brands. The redundancies will cost upwards of EIO million, and leave Clarks nursing a sorry set of financial results this year. The results will look even worse because last year's pre lax profits, up 27 per cent at £24.8 million, were inflated by property disposals and pen-

sion holidays.

Mr Parker said: "We've got to get the costs and the exceptionals out of the way. By biting the bullet, hopefully we'll have no more announce-ments like this." A stock market flotation is still the aim, although precisely when will depend on financial performance and market condi-tions. Mr Parker wants at least one clear year of results before proceeding. As before, the move would require shareholder approval.

The residents of Street, meanwhile, can take heart from the success of Clarks Village, which has created about 550 jobs, about 200 of them full-time, since it opened three years ago. Shoe shops mingle with High Street names such as Alexon, Royal Permission has been granted for another 27,000 sq ft of new

Retail success has been welcome, but what locals really desire is an industrial park. The land is there, they say, and could provide a solution



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The indestructible Tina Turner turns it on in Edinburgh at the start of her **British** tour



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Majesty and visceral energy: Oscar Peterson defies ill-health and passing years at the Barbican



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... while another of the great veterans, B.B. King, holds the Albert Hall crowd entranced

POP AND JAZZ: Veterans triumphant in Edinburgh and London; new talent on show at Glasgow's Jazz Festival

River deep, career endless

Tina Turner Murrayfield Stadium, Edinburgh

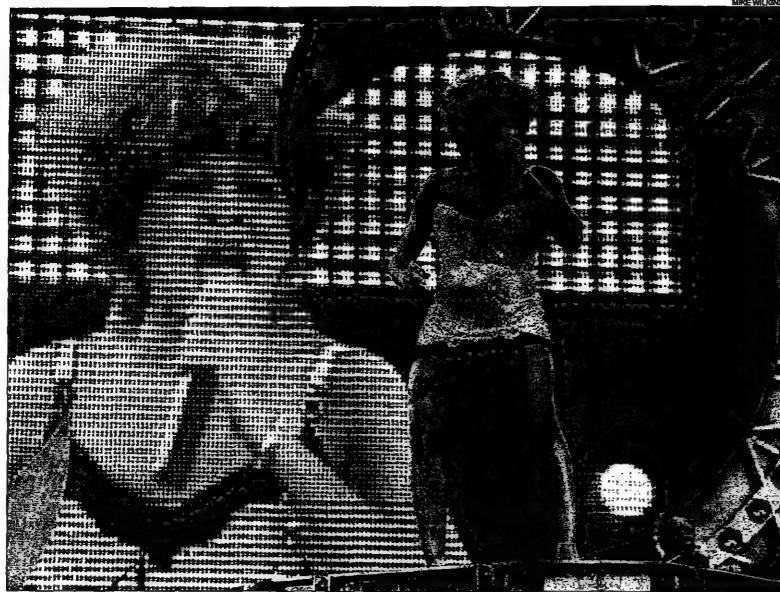
The phrase "stadium rocker" is a piece of contemporary music terminology which may be sent as a bouquet but is invariably received as a brickbat. But rare indeed is the ability to hunt, capture and tame an audience of tens of thousands in a venue in which binoculars should be standard issue. And it is all the more remarkable for a woman to do this in her mid-fifties.

But there are the laws of nature, and then there is Tina Turner. She is now 36 years into a switchback career in which record buyers acclaimed her and her former husband in the 1960s, forgot her in the 1970s, then not only remembered her in the 1980s but grew to view her as performance rock's first lady. This decade Turner has offered little fresh information, choosing to feed the fire not with new product or performance, but by prodding the warm coals of her previous work. With huge success, too, on the 1991 compilation Simply The Best, and What's Love Got To Do With It, the 1993 soundtrack to the story of her chequered life both with, and

in spite of, Ike Turner. This spring brought forth Wildest Dreams, Tina's first new studio record in seven years. With its wise choice of songs the erstwhile Acid Queen effortlessly resumed her reign, securing gold-plated promotional opportunities such as a James Bond movie theme and, just last weekend, getting to draw Britain's precious lottery numbers. This country offers few higher

In addition comes the small matter of seven months' worth of European shows, of which this Scottish stadium date was the first of her British engagements. The set was built to similarly grand dimensions, filled with stairways, contorted light constructions and the requisite video screen, on which Turner made her first appearance. But Whatever You Want, one of the hits from the new record, was perhaps not the best fanfare as she strained to achieve some of the melodic extremities of this

difficult song. Turner was soon into her stride with a defiant River Deep Mountain High, while screen offered images of the twentysomething lass who first delivered this fireproof



There are laws of nature, and then there is Tina Turner: the first lady of rock was in vintage form as she opened her British tour in Edinburgh

a cover of John Waite's hit ballad Missing You, was warmly greeted and a glimpse into the way that she is sensibly and gently easing off the gas in the studio to welcome a more stately re-

cording style.

Goldeneye, her Bond theme, was a visual landmark. The singer was elevated in front of a "ring of fire" blazing on screen behind her, with snippets of the movie adding impact as they did on her Mad Max entry and We Don't Need Another Hero. An "unplugged" interlude included a strong Steamy Windows, then Better Be Good To Me turned into a funk workout, outdoing its recorded version. And for the final encore. On Silent Wings, almost every pair of hands in the place was swaying. Indeed, her fans don't need another heroine.

PAUL SEXTON

# Musician's musicians swing it

WITH no composer-in-residence to ensure that something tangible and lasting results from Glasgow's tenth International Jazz Festival, the current event is more than usually dependent on the enthusiasm and commitment of its thousand

visiting musicians for its success. The opening night's bill-toppers, Harlow-born guitarist Martin Taylor's "Spirit of Django" sextet, delivered both commodities in spades. Although ostensibly a "tribute" group inspired by Django Reinhardt, the band conforms to the stereotype neither in its line-up, featuring a saxophone and accordion instead of restricting itself to the string instruments favoured by the Hot Club, nor in its material. True, the band did begin with a Djangoish Taylor original. Chez Fernand, infused with all the jaunty swing customarily associated with the legendary gypsy guitarist, but the underlying rhythm, a liltingly soft. almost subliminal shuffle by Taylor's son, James, on brushes, owed more to

Brazil than Belgium. The soprano saxo-

Glasgow International Jazz Festival

phone of Dave O'Higgins, snaking over the rhythm guitar of John Goldie and Terry Gregory's acoustic base guitar, provided welcome textural variety, and his subsequent breezier contributions on alto and tenor lifted both band and audience. It was Taylor, however consistently graceful, the clarity of his articulation near miraculous - who starred, though the mature yet impish virtuosity of accordionist Jack Emblow, the quintessential musician's musician, came close to stealing the show.

The same venue, McEwan's Old Fruitmarket, saw another musician's musician, tenor saxophonist Michael Brecker, turn in a genuinely showstealing performance the following eve-Since Brecker's blustering ករ់ពខ្ម. eloquence and technical commar receive near universal respect, his sound

way Coltrane's did in the 1960s, it is perhaps appropriate that he should be touring with the late tenor player's celebrated pianist, McCoy Tyner

Both Brecker and Typer are passionately open players, ebulliently florid atup-tempo, romantically lyrical on ballads. Backed by Tyner's long-time rhythm section of bassist Avery Sharpe and drummer Aaron Scott they roused a capacity audience from the moment they hurled themselves into a typically grandiloquent Tyner theme, Changes. The emotional commitment demonstrated by Brecker, ranging from an affecting bruised dignity to a full tilt, heart-onsleeve verbosity, would have astonished those who persist in dismissing him as a formula fusion player.

With the festival continuing until Sunday, and George Benson and the Mingus Big Band among others to come. a little pacing is clearly necessary.

CHRIS PARKER

# Divine ruler measures up

THE world has long been divided into those who regard Oscar Peterson as the divine ruler of the keyboard, and agnostics who remain unmoved by what appears to be a surfeit of virtuosity, spun by the yard. Those of us in the latter camp had much to ponder after his quartet's display; that odd crunching noise coming from the Barbican cloakroom was the sound of

several hats being eaten.

What made the occasion all the more intriguing was the knowledge that Peterson had overcome the effects of a serious stroke. He has described how, in the immediate aftermath of the seizure in 1993, he was not even able to play a piece as simple as his Love Ballade.

For a player who has relied so heavily on velocity and unrelenting athleticism, the blow must have been doubly hard to endure. To see him now, 70 years old but still a bear of a man, make his way across the stage, his left arm held awkwardly and his left leg dragging, was a profound-iy emotional moment.

The standing ovation at the end owed nothing to any patronising sympathy vote.

Oscar Peterson Barbican

The reduced mobility in his left hand was certainly noticeable, but the prodigious workrate of the right restored a sense of equilibrium. One result is that Peterson's solos have taken on a more emphatic, measured tone.

A more significant change lies in the balance of the group. In the past his partners have risked being swept aside by his express-train momentum. This time, with Niels-Henning Orsted Pedersen on bass and the impeccable Martin Drew at the drums, there was greater space for extended dialogues between leader and rhythm section.

The player who brightest of all was Peterson's fellow-Canadian Lorne Lofsky on guitar. As well as shadowing the pianist's left hand and fleshing out the harmonic base, Lofsky pushed and prodded with intense liquid lines that were a startling contrast to Peterson's former partner. the self-effacing Herb Ellis.

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# Blues and greys

THE last time I played here, some of you weren't born," said B.B. King as he looked around a packed Albert Hall. "In fact, some of your parents weren't born . . ." Well, it may not have been quite that long. but it was evident that a bluesplaying king felt glad to be back at what he proudly called The Royal Albert Hall.

And it was clear, too, that the music hadn't really changed either. The trappings may be showbiz - silver lame jacket, eight-piece band that included two drummers - but that was all peripheral to the grey-haired 70-year-old who played and sang the blues with a commitment and passion that nearly 50 years on the road had not diminished.

There may have been nothing new, but that didn't really matter. From the opening blast of Louis Jordan's Let The Good Times Roll, through the emotional power of Eddie Boyd's Five Long Years to the brass-powered version of Little Milton's We're Going to Make It the songs were old favourites graced with the inventive and still-fluid guitar lines and rich vocals that first placed King on the throne.

There was a feeling that this

was an evening of old friends playing together — a mood reinforced when the brass section departed and Walter King, band member and nephew, brought on a chair for his uncle who, after a bad fall in the Eighties, is unable to stand for a long time. Nevertheless. King reminisced happily before sliding into a medley of Why I Sing The Blues, How Blue Can You Get? and Rock Me Baby, ending with the Jesse Belvin

ballad Guess Who. Then it was time for "one more tune". As the brass section returned King stood up and then launched into The Thrill Is Gone, a song which deserves its star status — it. more than any other, was the one which propelled King from the Black Theatre circuit into the American Top 20 and a role as a roving ambassador of the blues.

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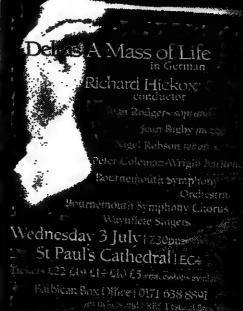
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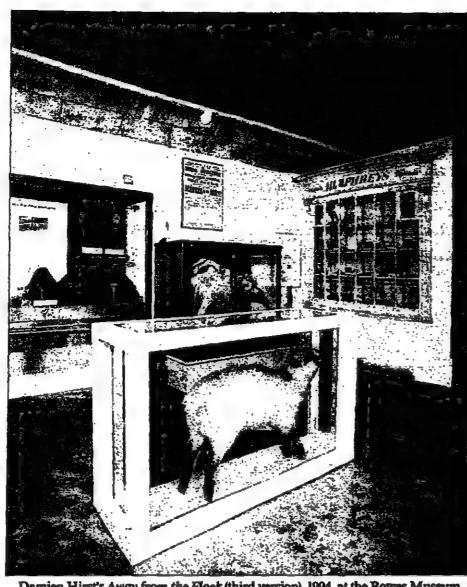
pened in 1892, the Bowes Museum was an astonishingly bold and gen-erous venture. Neither John Bowes nor his French wife Josephine lived to see its completion. But their generosity ensured that the colossal edifice, designed in the style of a grand French chateau, pre-sides over Barnard Castle with resplendent authority. The collections inside embrace both decorative and fine arts, mingling the Victorian desire to educate with a quirky and voracious appetite for the

During the past century the extraordinary profusion of objects has attracted intense loyalty among visitors from Co Durham and beyond. So the Henry Moore Institute in Leeds showed considerable nerve when it set about organising a contemporary art exhibition in these hallowed premises. Local suspicions were bound to be aroused, and some Bowes devotees are voic-ing complaints about the 35 artists from Britain and Germany who have invaded the palatial setting. Selected by Penelope Curtis and Veit Gorner, Private View is an unbuttoned affair. While responding to the character of the permanent collection, it does not hesitate to provoke, seduce, tantalise and subvert

Part of the pleasure generated by this high-spirited escapade stems from its ability to ambush the viewer. We move through the lofty, crowded rooms with a heightened sense of wariness, as if on an ingenious treasure hunt. The temporary exhibits might be lurking anywhere, and can sometimes be confused with cleaning equipment or the abundant floral displays arranged by museum staff. Attempting to sort out the new from the old makes us look at the Bowes acquisitions with fresh eyes. The strange 18thcentury mechanical swan, which jerks into gleaming motion and eagerly devours fish, could easily be seen as a surrealist sculpture. But its isolated place of honour in the entrance hall has been challenged, now, by the arrival of Eric Bainbridge's outsize Package. Swathed in white fur fabric, it looks like a frozen dwelling unaccountably stranded in the museum's marbled vastness.

Some exhibits relate far more closely to their surroundings. Damien Hirst's celebrated Away from the Flock, suspended in a tank of formaldehyde but still looking oddly jaunty, is placed next to a glass case containing a freak Siamese sheep. The exclamatory poster above shows how it was once exploited as a fairground attraction, a "marvel of the ages" which doubtless earned its owner a healthy income in admission charges. Its gro-tesquely distorted and multiplied limbs make Hirst's lamb look serene. Often accused of shameless showmanship, he understands the value of re-straint and deploys it with

absolute precision. Thomas Grunfeld's exhibits use taxidermy in a frankly macabre way. His Misfit turns out to be a rabbit sprouting wings and a tail, the apparent victim of some gruesome genetic experiment. We smile and shudder at the same time, acknowledging that German artists are more willing than their British counterparts to indulge in shock tactics. Upstairs, for instance, the spookiness inherent in the Bowes building is dramatised



Damien Hirst's Away from the Flock (third version), 1994, at the Bowes Museum



Gillian Wearing's Confess all on video. Don't worry you will be in disguise. Intrigued? Call Gillian . . ., 1994

by Katharina Fritsch. Her Ghost, a shrouded white fig-ure lit by a tall window behind, is accompanied by a plexiglass pool of blood besmirching the tessellated floor. The classical statue on a neighbouring plinth seems unaffected by the phantom, but the glacial stillness of Fritsch's apparition is undeni-

ably menacing. Freestanding exhibits are care in this stealthy show. Much of the Bowes Museum is filled with elaborate display cabinets, and Private View seizes every opportunity to undermine their cluttered 19th-century solidity. Richard Wentworth's Rims, Lips, Feet ends up looking both vulnerable and threatening. Covering a large sheet of glass placed askew on a tall cabiner, his plates look as if they might be dislodged by the slightest

touch. The resulting crash would shatter the room's silence, and it comes as a relief to find Cecile Johnson's Twenty-eight Pitchers safely arranged on stable shelves inside a locked cabinet.

Here, the pale and purged

clay forms have ousted the permanent collection entirely. Elsewhere, though, the Bowes possessions are allowed to intermingle with the intruders. Mariele Neudecker's work is unpredictably installed, emerging in a showcase otherwise stuffed with an assortment of ornamental cutlery, cruets and vases. Her miniature Landscape, where three tiny explorers gaze down into the blackness of a crater, is juxtaposed with a bejewelled devotional image of the virgin and child. The conjunction seems haphazard at first, but ends up intensifying the sense Both Curtis and Gorner

of strangeness which makes a visit to the Bowes Museum so

look sober enough in their light-box photographic portraits, taken by Catherine Yass with her customary rigour and hallucinatory brilliance. But wry humour abounds in the way they have displayed their chosen exhibits. Martin Honert's Foto, a lifesize sculpture of a forlorn boy sitting at a spartan table, is placed on a sumptuous oriental rug. Near by, the trick is reversed. Lavishly embroidered chairs and a gilded table find themselves resting on a patchwork carpet made by Jacqui Poncelet at her most exuberant.

The mood of mischiefmaking reaches its climax in the room devoted to Dutch paintings, where a cluster of stolid portraits are juxtaposed with Gillian Wearing's Confess all on video. Disguised by ludicrous masks and wigs, Wearing's volunteers mutter about their painful fantasies while the burghers of Holland stare down in apparent

All in all, Private View makes an effervescent contribution to Visual Arts UK, the ambitious programme of exhibitions enlivening northern England throughout the year. irreverent and yet continually mindful of its historical context, this delightful show stops short of disrupting the room hung with some of the finest old masters. Here, where Gova's madhouse scene and El Greco's impassioned St Peter prove unforgettably powerful, no contemporary artists can be found. Refreshed by the contrasts elsewhere, we can look at even the most familiar images in the permanent collection as though for the first time.

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☐ Simply framed, small, square, colour photographs the photojournalist Melanic Friend hang evenly spaced around the walls at Camerawork. They are of sitting rooms, backyards, a

perfectly proportioned custom-built gallery at Dulwich. bedroom, an orchard, a gate-way and an empty school-It is not instantly obvious that room in and around the homes of some of the two anything has been changed, million Albanians who live in or that the gallery has done anything "unconventional". Fleming has placed two objects in a glass cabinet: the the Serbian province of Kosovar. Interviews with the people whose houses are photographed — taped ac-counts of harassment, even torture — play continuously. The straightforward juxtapo-sition of imagery with inforcamera obscura which once mation is powerful, and perhaps more effective than more visually horrific documentation. Camerawork, 121 Roman

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belonged to Joshua Reynolds has been borrowed from the Science Museum and dis-played beneath the now faded painting of a Girl with a Baby, also by Reynolds. By quietly realigning these ele-ments in this historic setting, Fleming begs questions about visual reference and retrospective understanding.

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☐ Igor Mitoraj, a Pole who now lives and works in Italy, is one of the most successful sculptors in the world, John Russell Taylor writes. In Bath until Sunday he has five large outdoor pieces, three in Queen Square, one in Beauford Square and one right in front of the Abbey. Together, they give a vivid sense of Mitoraj's private world, and his skill in making it public.

At first glance his Neo-Classicism is as smooth and direct as Canova's. But inunediately one is aware of something that does not quite fit. Why does that centaur have tiny extraneous figures sprouting out of its chest, that winged female figure a slightly grotesque face where one might expect pubic hair? These are questions we all have to resolve for ourselves. Mitoraj refuses to be drawn.



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# Fight to save Becket casket

The brouhaha surround ing the Thomas a Becket casket reaches a climax this week, with lastditch attempts to save it for the nation. To judge by some outcries, the export of the medieval reliquary would be as horrifying and unforgiv-

able as the murder of Becket

himself. On the casker's richly ornamented side, a prancing knight is shown decapitating the saint with a sword. If a wealthy foreign collector makes the successful bid at Sotheby's auction on Thursday, he will be cast in the same role — a villain guilty of hacking away at Britain's heritage with dastardly relish. Unlike the headless Becket,

Why the V & A should pay the price be delighted to acquire such an attractive artefact, and its to keep this medieval relic in Britain

we would be able to survive such a loss. However keenly the Victoria & Albert Museum's director Alan Borg wants to acquire the casket, he could console himself by remembering the other superb medieval treasures already under his

For many decades the V & A has rejoiced in the possession of the exuberantly inventive Gloucester Candlestick, and the mesmerising 11th-century Adoration of the Magi whale-bone carving. Both these objects show, in their distinctive ways, medieval art at its

zenith. They may also be English products, whereas the Becket reliquary was indisputably the work of a celebrated enamel factory in Limoges.

Even so, this astonishingly well-preserved casket has a strong claim on our national purse strings. The gilt copper figures projecting so forcefully from their blue enamel background are handled with marvellous vitality. Their sprightliness, combined with the sumptious embellishment of the reliquary as a whole, make price well worth paying.

dom does give us a compelling reason to keep the casket in Another reason carries even greater weight. The savage vandalism inflicted on our own medieval religious build-

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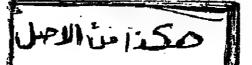
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Gary Slapper on why judges and politicians are at odds over who makes the law and, right, a defence of the judiciary

# Should the judges or MPs make the laws?

ruling by the Court of Appeal that the Government's withdrawal of welfare benefits from most asylum-seekers was unlawful, Peter Lilley, Social Services Secretary, announced that the judgment would effectively be nullified by new clauses to be rushed into its Asylum and Immigration Bill now before Parliament.

in the Commons. Tony Marlow, MP, voiced the views of several Tories when he said: Do the judiciary now have a democratic mandate to decide which laws are acceptable, or does this House and Parliament, on the balance of views in the country, continue to decide what the laws should be, while the judiciary apply them without being informed by their personal prejudices?"

This constitutional clash between the judiciary and Parliament is similar to the recent conflict between senior judges and the Home Secretary over the desirability of Parliament acting to curb the sentencing discretion of trial judges.

Both disputes centre on the constitutional role of the judges. Even in fairly recent history, it was still widely accepted that judges did not make law but simply interpreted it: they construed diffi-cult phrases in legislation, and they applied old common law principles to novel situations - but they never substantially changed the law.

Today that view appears naive and most commentators think that judges do play a creative part in fleshing out and shaping the law. The key questions now are when should judges become inventive and how far should they

Historically, when Parliament has become involved in any spat with the judiciary, it has been liberal and radical thinkers who have sided with Parliament while conservative thinkers have generally favoured the judiciary.

In today's confrontation, the opposite is true. Progressives are feting the senior judiciary as guarantors of freedom while the Conservatives are championing parliamentary democracy in support of Mich-

But should the principle of parliamentary sovereignty part of the constitution since the Bill of Rights in 1689) be abrogated as a result of such an ephemeral and trivial battle between what some see as "bad politicians" and "good

The constitutional difficulties that need to be addressed in public debate now arise because the judiciary is an unelected and largely unaccountable body whose mem-

bers carry no public mandate. In cases that go to the House of Lords, for example, there is no reliable way of predicting whether the law lords will keep the old law and say any change must come from Parliament, or whether they will act boldly to alter the law themselves.

On what basis therefore should judges be endowed with the constitutional right to protect public interests in the face of opposition from the manifestly demotic repository of power we have in Parlia-

Consider the institutional capriciousness of law-making in the Lords. In 1992, the House of Lords saw fit to abolish the then 256-year-old rule against a charge of marital rape. Lord Keith noted that "the common law is ... capa-ble of evolving in the light of changing social, economic and cultural developments". It followed, he said, that the old rule that forbade a charge of marital rape reflected the state enunciated in 1736, and should be abolished as "the status of women, and particularly of



Peter Lilley: appeal to be overruled by a law change



Appellate Committee of seven could have ruled that chang-ing the law was not something

they were able to do, particu-

larly as the case involved a

controversial constitutional principle (Article 9 of the Bill of

Rights - which prohibits the

questioning in any court of

freedom of speech and debates

ut the committee de-

cided that it would

change the law, because "the time

had come". Lord Griffiths, for

example, said that "...I have

long thought that the time had

come to change the self-imposed judicial rule that

forbade any reference to the le-

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Clegg last year, the Lords de-

clined to make any changes to the law of self-defence, seeing

that as something suitable

only for Parliament. Lord

Lloyd of Berwick approved the

words of Lord Simon in an

in Parliament).

interpretation".

married women, has changed out of all recognition in various ways".

But conversely last year the House of Lords shied away from changing the doli incapar rule concerning the criminal liability of children. The case involved a 12-year-old boy from Liverpool caught interfering with a motorbike using a crowbar. He was convicted of attempted theft.

His defence argued that "mischievous discretion" had not been proven, but, on appeal to the Divisional Court, it was ruled that the antiquated rule (under which defendants aged 10 to 14 must be shown to know that their actions were seriously wrong before they can be convicted of a crime) was no longer part of English law. The Lords could have agreed and changed the law but did not do so. Instead, Lord Lowry stated

that judicial law-making should be avoided where disputed matters of social policy are concerned. He said: "The distinction between the treatment and punishment of child offenders has popular and political overtones, a fact which shows that we have been discussing not so much a legal as a social problem, with a dash of politics thrown in, and emphasises that it should be within the exclusive remit of Parliament."

Yet in 1992, in another case, earlier case: "I can hardly conthe law lords were in a lawceive of circumstances less suitable than the instant for making mood and decided to sweep away a 223-year-old five members of an Appellate constitutional rule that had Committee of your lordships' House to arrogate to ourselves so momentous a law-making prevented Hansard being consulted by law courts in aid of statutory interpretation. The initiative." specially convened enlarged

There is a reasonable body of evidence to illustrate the mercurial nature of the Lords as a law-making agency. One should be cautious, therefore, about relying on the Lords as a legislative vehicle. In the Commons, by contrast, capricious-ness of law-making is forgivable, even desirable, because it is a democratic agency and its activity should reflect the will of a demotic

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# Don't let them be misunderstood

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ast month, in a wide-ranging speech, Lord levine of Lairg, the Shadow Lord Chancellor, invited the House of Lords to debate the role of the judiciary in modern society. Lord Irvine criticised comments made in a secture by the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham of Cornhill, that if Parliament did not legislate to introduce a right to privacy, then judges might develop the law in that direction. Lord Irvine contended that unless there were to be "a clear community consensus" in favour of a right to privacy (and he was sure there is none), for judges to act would "imperil their major asset: their reputation for impartiality". Judges, he be-lieved, should "think hard before they don the mantle of moral leadership through their judgments". Judicial statements about creating a law to protect privacy "sound to ordinary people uncomfortably like a judicial threat to legislate". In 1932, Harold Laski wrote to tell Justice

Oliver Wendell Holmes of the US Supreme Court that he had informed a High Court judge, Mr Justice Macnaghten, about Holmes's theory that, in hard cases, judges must "exercise the sovereign prerogative of choice", and so make law. Macnaghten had replied, indignantly, that "he simply applied the law, looking neither to the right nor to the left", and "no

damned nonsense was going to change his judicial conduct. Today most judges are more sophisticated in their understanding of jurisprudence. They know they are often asked to decide novel questions of law to which statutes and precedents supply no clear answer, or for which existing authori-

ties offer conflicting guidance. Few judges continue to subscribe to the reassuring theory that the legal answer is always there, if only the judge is skilled enough to know where to look. As Lord Reid admitted in 1972, grown-up lawyers no longer believe in the "fairy-tale" that "in some Aladdin's cave" is hidden the

key to correct judicial interpretation. For the past 30 years, Professor Ronald Dworkin has been developing a theory of adjudication which seeks to provide a coherent explanation of the judicial function in hard cases. Professor Dworkin argues that it is the judge's task to adopt a principled solution that best fits with the structure and content of the law, as expressed in existing statutes, precedents and constitutional texts. What he thus describes as "the moral reading" of the law may result in liberal decisions, or in conservative decisions, depending on the philosophy of the judge. But each judge is obliged to comply

with an overriding principle of integrity, which confines and structures judicial discre-

In Freedom's Law: The Moral Reading of the American Constitution (Harvard University Press, \$35), Professor Dworkin explains and applies his theory in an elegant series of essays, most of which were first published in The New York Review of Books, on difficult topics of constitutional principle. He analyses, with force and clarity, the rights of citizens in relation to abortion, cuthanasia, affirmative action, libel and pornography.

He complains, with justification, that judges — and politicians — continue to pretend, at least in public, that, even in hard cases, the judicial function is mechanical rather than creative. He argues that only when we openly recognise that judges necessarily make contemporary judgments of political morality, albeit constrained by integrity to respect existing legal principles.

can adjudication in hard cases be reconciled with democratic accountability. If the public understands what is being done on its behalf, then it has the opportunity to influence the development of the law by comment and criticism.

Although we lack a written constitution with an enforceable Bill of Rights, Professor Dworkin's analysis of adjudiforce on this side of the Atlantic Ocean. When judges are asked to decide a novel question about the right of the individual plain-tiff to personal privacy, they are entitled to draw on principles to be found in the law of trespass, breach of confidence, and the European Convention on Hu-

man Rights. Such reasoning by analogy, with principles being derived from existing case law, is as old as the common law itself. It is the method by which judges developed the modern law of negligence and most of our administrative law.

To criticise judges for making a "threat to legislate", or for showing "moral leadership" when deciding hard cases, is fundamentally to misunderstand the nature of the judicial function. Whatever judgment the court reaches on the plaintiff's claim to privacy involves a choice between conflicting principles by reference to existing legal material. Professor Dworkin's latest work is recommended to everyone interested in jurisprudence, especially if they are likely to exercise responsibility for the administration of the

judiciary in the next Labour government. ● The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souis College, Oxford.

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MARTIN MEARS'S campaign on spending at Chancery Lane took on a new urgency last week when he re-ceived the bill for the launch of his own election manifesto. It came to £68.21, to include £25 for the hire of a room in



them they could hardly consume tea to the value of £9.99,

Carey Street - and the rest on

water, tea and coffee. He protested about the refreshments.

nalists attended - between

Mr Mears recalls: "Six jour-

coffee to the value of £7.99 and orange juice to the value of E3.23." Five small bottles of mineral water were used but 20 were charged for at £1.10 each. "And why." he adds, "are we paying more than El for a small bottle of mineral water when the supermarkets sell two-litre bottles for 60p?" Rubbing salt in the wound is that Rodger Pannone, the former president, who recently held a press conference at

the Law Society, was not charged. "The reason given," Mr Mears says, "was that he was 'engaged in council business' - ie, rubbishing the president of the Law Society."

Footloose

WHY IS Helen Matthews. marketing director of the London firm Davies Arnold Cooper, to be found standing by a pot plant and wearing no

Who Owns Whom directory? Ms Matthews explains: The designer was asked by the publisher, Dunn & Bradstreet, to enliven the marketing leaflet for a useful but boring business directory They certainly succeeded. I have had loads of phone calls

shoes in a brochure for the

asking why I am shoeless." So why is she? The designer Paul Rodger of Bull Rodger says: "We wanted to make the pictures quirky." ● LORD Bingham of Corn-hill, the new Lord Chief Justice. was officially introduced to the House of Lords last

week. Not only is his promotion from Master of the Rolls to LCI thought unprecedented, he was flanked, for the ceremony, by the present MR (Lord Woolf) and his own predecessor as MR (Lord Donaldson of Lymington) - an-

Egos massaged LAWYERS in private practice who rate work in local gov-ernment as dull should look

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A BARRISTER is gathering his own evidence about the use of fingerprints in court. Graham Cook, of 36 Essex Street, is worried that the standards of admissibility for such evidence are slipping.

He says that the traditional approach to fingerprint evidence -- that there should be 16 matching characteristics between two sets of prints before they can be conclusively matched - has been modified so that a minimum of eight matching characteristics will do in some cases.

Mr Cook says in the Criminal Bar Association's newsletter: "I know of no case where the point on reduced standard of admissibility has been taken on appeal."

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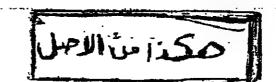
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# Must justice be male?

Barbara Hewson is disappointed with the Home Affairs Committee report on

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n Microcosmographia Academica, the Cambridge academic F.M. Cornford expounds the Principle of Unripe Time: "People should not do at the present moment what they think right at that moment, because the moment at which they think it

right has not yet arrived." So it is with gender inequality. Senior judicial appointments are controlled by the senior judiciary. And our top judges do not want change: Sir Thomas Legg of the Lord Chancellor's Department told the Home Affairs Select Committee last summer that it was "just a matter of time" before there were

"quite a lot of women judges". When I came to the Bar in 1985, there were three women in the Family The system

Division. Now there are three. If in 11 years the number of women in that division has not increased (and women are plentiful in family law), significant change is not on the cards. The reality is that there are hundreds of well-qualified women of sufficient seniority, more of whom be appointed

The Home Affairs Committee's Report into Judicial Appoint-

ments Procedures, published on June 26, sides with the judiciary, It does not see a need for large-scale change to the judicial appointments system. It notes the extraordinary paucity of women in senior judicial positions (no women law lords, one out of 36 Lords Justices of Appeal; seven out of 96 High Court judges). and says that positive discrimination is not the way forward. But neither Canada nor the Republic of Ireland practises positive discrimination and both countries have significantly more women in their appellate and supreme courts than the UK.

The committee noted a 1992 report by TMS Management Consultants, entitled Without Prejudice? Sex equality at the Bar and in the Judiciary. TMS found that women were disadvantaged by the selection procedure, which relies on comment from a majority male

group (the system of "secret sound-ings" whereby civil servants solicit views on candidates from judges and senior practitioners).

TMS said that the system depends on patronage, being noticed and being known".

Sir Thomas does not like the term "soundings" because, he says, it suggests an "old boy network way of doing it". Let us call a spade

Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the recently retired Lord Chief Justice, told the committee that judges do not make contemporaneous notes about the performance of advocates appearing before them. According to Lord Taylor, a judge will perhaps say to his colleagues about

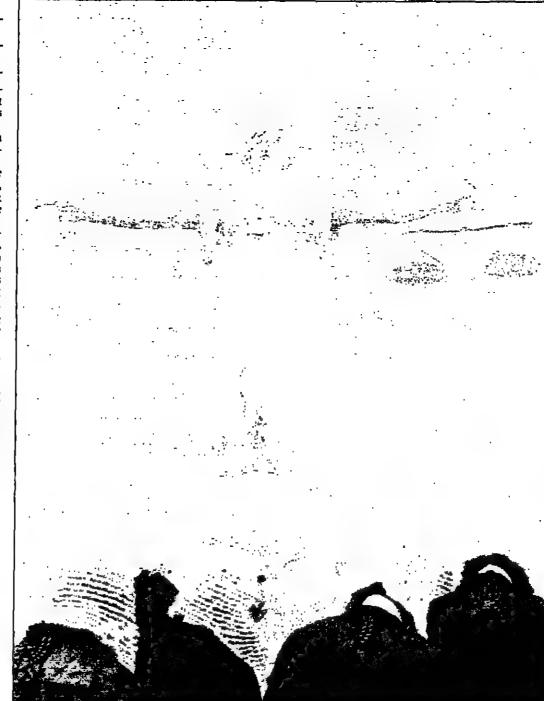
a candidate: "I saw X the other day. He was absolutely super." Or, I heard X the other day and I was very disappointed,"

Yet the committee thinks the system of secret soundings should be continued and widened. It claims that this will help women because they do not belong to clubs. But how does the expansion of an old boy network help women? The committee con-

siders reforms to the judicial career structure to assist women and other disadvantaged groups. It rejects most of them. It fails to grapple with the problem of disparate impact that arises from forcing women into a rigid career structure, which does not recognise their family commitments.

It declines to consider the Indirectly discriminatory impact on women of the requirement that High Court judges be QCs. (This is a serious omission because the proportion of women in the pool of QCs became stuck between 5.1 per cent and 5.8 per cent during 1991-95 and does not reflect the numbers of able senior women.)

The committee rejects the proposal that the posts of High Court judge and above should be subjected to open advertisement and competition. And it concludes that "there is now less cause for women to feel diffident in applying



The image of justice is female - but the senior judiciary is still reluctant to appoint female judges

for judicial appointments." This is jejune. I could apply to become an Assistant Recorder, because I am over ten years' call and within the required age bracket. But I learn from the report that I am not really eligible because I must have 15 years of practice first. Am I supposed, in 2000, to

submit myself to scrutiny by a collection of mostly male consultees, described as "the professional community", most of whom I will probably never have worked with, or appeared before? in Sweden, a senior woman judge is suing the Government because, she claims, it appointed a

less qualified man to sit in the European Court of Justice. Brita Sundberg-Weitman, who is 62, wants her case to be referred to Luxembourg. As Cornford says, time has a trick of going rotten before it is ripe.

• The writer gave evidence before the Select Committee.

Legal aid White Paper will blame clients

## Making the poor pay more

awaited White Paper on legal aid will be published today. Will it pave the way for improving access to justice, or will it subordinate public choice, operational consistency and ac-cess to justice to new layers of expensive bureaucratic management to tackle a problem that no longer exists?

The omens are discouraging. A Government bent on improving access to justice would surely not continue to give the impression that spending is out of control. It is true that four or five years ago spending on legal aid was rising at an unpalatable rate. But the budget has been underspent by £70 million in each of the past three years. This year's budget is £150 million less than the original est-

imate. Legal aid accounts for less than 1 per cent of public expenditure, hardly spending out of control. Recent interviews and speeches suggest that the Government has found a new villain. In the Green Paper, it was all the fault of greedy lawyers. low, it seems, the White Paper will

blame irresponsible clients. The Government seems to believe that turning legal aid into a loan. and making unsuccessful lift-gants pay their opponents' costs, will promote responsibility.

There is a problem, in very few cases, of legal aid being granted in weak cases and continuing when it should be stopped. But that is the fault of the Legal Aid Board, which is responsible for granting and withdrawing aid, and of the Lord Chancellor for failing to introduce the measures that the Law Society and others have suggested to improve the board's decision-making.

The Government also seems determined to stick to its plans for regional cash limits. These will involve detailed planning of how many cases should be funded in each category in each area. A huge increase in administrative expenditure would pro-

duce a scheme that could not possibly have the flexibility provided by the present scheme. Whatever the Government's protestations, it would be bound to turn the availability of legal aid into a lottery. Spending is al-ready targeted: each case is considered against detailed criteria. Introducing cash limits is relevant only to imposing a cap.

So what should the Government do? The first priority must be to restore financial eligibility. so that those deprived of justice by the 1993 cuts, which made all those above income support pay wards their costs, are brought within the scheme once more. Research commissioned by the Legal Aid Board shows that many of those eligible for aid are

now unable to afford their contribution. The Government must ensure that contributions are affordable.

The Government will not improve eligibility without makoffsetting savings. How can it find those savings? The Law Society published a package of proposals yesterday, including im-

proving decision-making by the board, cutting the cost of fraud trials, reducing waste in the courts and introducing a conditional legal aid fund.

The Law Society's courts and legal services committee believes that the package would save about £130 million a year. enough to restore eligibility for at least eight million of the 12 million who lost out through the 1993 cuts. Our proposals would save expenditure and pave the way for better access to justice. A Government that cared about equal access to justice would join us in the search for constructive reforms rather than increasing bureaucracy and making the

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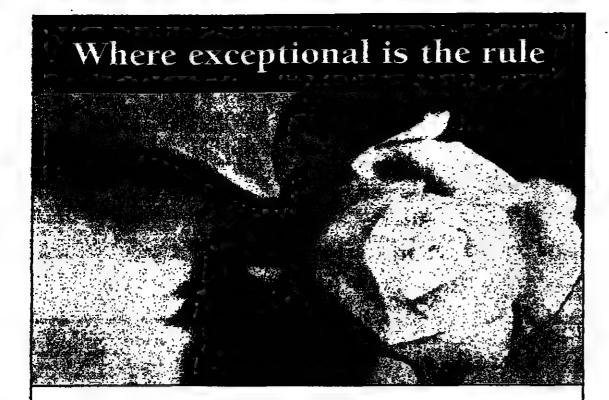
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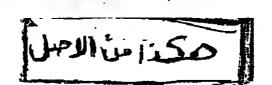
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# Graf lays low opponents past and present

#### **Financial** worries top Welsh agenda

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THE leading Welsh clubs meet today, both in their own interests and as members of rugby union's European movement, hoping to establish a clearer view of their financial future and what money will accrue to them from next season's two-tier European tournament.

They are also preparing to thrash out significant issues with Vernon Pugh, the Welsh Rugby Union chairman, who has threatened to eject them from Europe if they do not comply with domestic qualifying conditions.
The clubs have been

surprised by Pugh's out-right rejection of the deal worth £40.5 million offered by BSkyB, the satellite television company that is 40-per-cent owned by News International. owners of The Times, "The only thing we know about the deal are the figures which have been quoted," Alan Meredith, spokesman for First Division

Rugby Ltd, said. The sum of £3.5 million a vear would be around four times more than we now get and if this deal is to be rejected, is there a along the line and how much will it produce for the clubs?"

Trevor East, Sky's executive director (sport), hit back yesterday at allegations by Pugh that the company sought unwarranted control of rugby. "Our only condition is that certain sums of money should be ploughed into club rugby and the only thing we have asked for is the formation of an Anglo-Welsh tournament that's why extra money has been allocated in the bid to the Welsh," East

BY DAVID HANDS

At Wimbledon

have an extraordinarily long memory. I can rewas plain. She was once thought to be the plainest girl that ever swung a racket and, what's more, she was cordially hated by the Wimbledon crowds even as she pulled off the grand slam in 1988.

I also remember when Martina Navratilova was hated, for the same reason — for being unfeeling and invulnerable, a person of iron. In her later days as a singles player. cisely the opposite.

How long will it be, I wonder, before I am boasting that I remember when Martina Hingis won the sympathy of the Centre Court crowd by appearing so fragile, so defenceless? That I remember when Wimbledon felt sorry for her? That I remember the days before she became Hingis the iron-clad, the allconquering queen, that I can even recall the distant days before she won her first grand slam?

I have a fancy that there is a thread that links these women: Steffi in the middle with a Martina on either side: women who represent past, present and future. Yesterday, Graf and Hingis took each ning 6-1, 6-4. Over the weekend, Graf, the central bead on the thread of time, was involved in a spat with Navratilova.

Graf has been playing this tournament with a white plas-



Graf prepares to test Hingis with a backhand during her imperious straight-sets defeat of the young Swiss at Wimbledon yesterday

ly designed to set off the gold of her legs. Yet she has a problem beneath it, apparently, one that caused her to pull out of the Eastbourne tournament. Martina is unconvinced. She said, on American television. that it was "an excuse ahead of time in case she needs it".

The Graf camp came back with the suggestion that with the voice of miffdom: she has yet to offer congratulato Steffi when she equalled Martina's record of 18 grand slam titles. Or, to put this another way: "Nah, nahny, nah nah." Girls, girls.

Anyway, Steffi says they have made up now: "She didn't really mean it how she said it." So that's all right, isn't it? Graf is a forgiving sort: at least, once an injury has been avenged. And Graf went on to court yesterday with an injury to avenge: last May, in Rome, she played Hingis and lost. It remains the one blotch on her season, her only tournament

The reason was simplicity itself: Graf had gone ever so slightly out to lunch, distracted by the latest exploits of her dad. He had just been sent to jail for alleged tax evasion. Graf stepped on court with a



ed Hingis all right. She would have intimidated Mike Tyson. She reeled off the first four games in a dozen minutes, coming out of her corner in a punches that rained in from

all directions. It was hard not to go groggy - I mean, that forchand. Is it the finest in the history of the women's game? At times its power alone stuns vou - but Steffi, rather unfairly, combines it with laserbeam accuracy. It certainly

stunned Hingis. Thus, Graf emerged from her encounters with a win on points over Martina Sr and a by knock-out over Martina Jr. It all came together rather nicely to give us a still moment in the hectic pageant of sporting history. Navratilova is 12 years Grai's senior; she will be 40 in October.

Hingis is 12 years Graf's junior and, in September, will pe old enough to go out and buy a legal packet of fags. She is still 15. The nicely-sculpted cheekbones make her look, in moments of concentration, a good deal older, but she sheds

these bogus years in postmatch prattle. Still a child, but already one hell of a player and winner of million bucks in prize-money this year alone. Overwhelmed in the first set, she regrouped, regained nerve and timing and slugged it out all the way to the finish, saving a pair of match points on the way.

various teenypbop sensations before her were not. If she can steer between the Scylla and Charybdis of physical and psychological breakdown, she will grow into a champion. one to savour. Graf knows it, too: "In the last few months, the way she's improved. There is good chance she'll get closer to the top five."

I do not think she will stop there. Introduced to the circuit far too early, at the age of 14, she has this year begun to ger." Hingis said. "Mentally. maybe I'm also better, just one

year older." However, it will take a year or two more before Hingis is capable of disrupting Graf's serenity. Standing between the Martinas, Graf looks untouch-

#### 'Navratilova was speaking with the voice of miffdom'

able on the pinnacle. She stands in line for her seventh Wimbledon singles title and it will take something altogether exceptional to stop her. Her allegedly dodgy knee is simply not up to the task: she looked as wonderfully athletic as ever yesterday - by the way, how can you play a forehand with your shot by jumping back-

wards? Monica Seles came to Wimbledon as her main rival, but. carrying a shoulder injury. far too many pounds and heaven knows what psychological baggage after the dreadful stabbing incident of 1993, she found both the the task and the

occasion beyond her. In truth, with Steffi, as with all great champions, the real opponent carries not a racket Time. That was the gentleman that finished Navratilova's career and he will do the same for Graf - but I fancy that Hingis will be there to help him in his work, when the day

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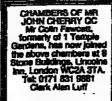
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# Sánchez Vicario

dodges showers to reign supreme

THE rain in Spain does not really bother Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, it is the rain at Wimbledon that causes her trouble. Yesterday, she was in and out of the locker room continually, dodging the showers and trying to deal with the challenge of Sabine Appelmans. Eventually, she managed both, although it took her the best part of the afternoon. One hour and 24 minutes of play, spread over two hours and 13 minutes, got her through to the quarterfinals 3-6, 6-2, 6-1. It was a

difficult sort of day.

Appelmans, of Belgium, is one of those players who seems to have been around for years and yet she is still only 24. She has never made it into the upper echelons of the game and yet has carved out a career - and made more than \$1 million — by appearing in events just below the top level, beating players that no one has really heard of but who still still require a degree of nous and talent to overcome. In fact, her biggest win to

date has been not against the Grafs and Seleses of this world but over Claudia Schiffer, Sharon Stone and Pamela Anderson to win the ideal Woman award in a Belgian magazine.

Yesterday, she got off to an ideal start. The normally tenscious Sanchez Vicario semed out of sorts and Appelmans made the most of it. On any other day, you could have said that she making hay while the sun shone, but there was precious little of that at Wimbledon. Ahead by 3-2 with a break in the first set, the rain started and off they came.

Half an hour later, they were back, but only for ten minutes. Appelmans was still ahead 5-3. but had to retreat to the locker room yet again before she could capitalise on her chance to take the first set.

This has been the year of chances for Appelmans. She gave Seles a scare at the French Open and won her first title in 12 months in Linz not bad for a woman who plays tennis left-handed by accident. Learning the game at a tennis camp, she joined in with the left-handers to be in



the same group as her friend. Away from the court, she has become a video personality, releasing an aerobics tape that has become a best seller in Belgium. Appelmans is big in Belgium.

However. Appelmans is bright, personable and a pretty good player. Sanchez Vicario is bright, personable and a world-beater. The former world No 1 is not known to give up without a fight and, at 2-0 down in the second set, she suddenly woke

The old battler was back and, thundering in to the net, she had Appelmans on the back foot with a new-found aggression. With the rain clouds looming, she was not going to hang about, reding off the next II games in the twinkling of an eye and mak-ing her way to the next round. It was not the best of days for Sanchez Vicario. Her right

wrist is getting better, but was still causing her pain, al-though her main worry yesterday was her lack of concentration in the first set. "It took me a long time before I started playing my own game," she said. "She was playing really well and sometimes it's hard, with the rain to play one game and then you go off and then you have to concentrate and go back. At

into the match." No matter, Sánchez Vicario is nothing if not confident. To be taken to three sets by a woman to whom she has never lost is not so much a setback as proof that she is still in with a chance. I knew I had to come back and play great tennis if I wanted to win and that's what I did. I do feel I

the beginning, I was not much

am playing great."

As for Appelmans, she was confused by Sanchez Vicario's tactics. Expecting her to come out of the traps like a startled whipper, she had planned just to try to keep pace for the first few games. Finding herself a set up threw her and, when Sanchez Vicario finally started to play, she was unprepared. "I did not know what to do anymore," she said. Overall, however, it had been a good week, her best yet at Wimble-don - and reaching the fourth round at Wimbledon is something that Claudia Schiffer has never managed. That is 2-0 to Appelmans.



Appelmans tosses to serve during her three-set defeat by Sánchez Vicario

MOTOR RACING

### Hill heads for Silverstone in high spirits

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN MACNY-COURS

HE KNOWS the occasion will be treated like a coronation, so Damon Hill is preparing to perform like a despot on the day. The British Grand Prix is less than a fortnight away now and Hill is heading to Silverstone on a high.

He won his sixth race of the season here on Sunday, ex-tending his lead in the drivers' world championship to 25 points. He is firmly in the home stretch now, with only seven races to go, and the hiccups that we all leared might occur in his dash for the title have been conspicuously

With Michael Schumacher. the reigning world champion, hobbled by the reliability problems afflicting his Ferrari and Benetton struggling to provide a consistent challenge from their drivers. Jean Alesi and Gerhard Berger, Hill is out on his own. Only Jacques Villeneuve, his Williams-Renault team-mate, seems likely to pose any sort of threat in the latter half of the year, but Hill already has the young Canadian in his thrail.

The title that has slipped away from him so agonisingly in previous years remains the focus of his thoughts, but a second triumph on home soil, in front of a capacity crowd. would allow British fans the opportunity to glory in the dominance of a champion-in-waiting, just as they did with Nigel Mansell in 1992. After the three years Hill and his fans have spent getting to know each other, this is the time to fall in love.

"Everything has been going so well this season that it would be a fairy tale result for me to win at Silverstone," Hill said. "I just want to do what I

have already done in Australia, Brazil, Argentina and all the other places and win the British Grand Prix.

"After the results I have had, and the position I am in. I feel like I can really come to Britain and enjoy the race meeting. I want to show everyone what I am really capable of. I want to do something special and get the absolute best out of myself.

"I have noticed this season, particularly, that there have been more Damon Hill supporters turning up to races. It would be great to be able to turn it on for them. There is nothing like racing at home to give you that extra emotional

Hill has enjoyed mixed fortunes in his home race, an event his late father, Graham, never won. He was leading in 1993 when the Renault engine in his Williams blew up late in the race, handing victory to Alain Prost, his team-mate. He won comfortably in 1994 after Schumacher was black flagged, but last year he collided with the German, an incident which precipitated the beginning of the disinte-gration of his quest for the championship.

This year, though, nothing seems likely to get in his way. "Damon has used the buzz word 'focused' to describe himself this year," Patrick Head, the Williams technical director, said yesterday: "He is very concentrated on getting the results that are going to win him the championship For a driver to have won 19 Grands Prix, as he has done. and still not to have got a title must rankle with him. His determination to do it this year will be fairly boundless.

### Hlasek given no quarter by Australian



Hiasek returns on his way to defeat by Stoltenberg

JASON STOLTENBERG, of Australia, swept into the last 16 of the men's singles at Wimbledon yesterday when he defeated the Swiss, Jakob

Meredith McGrath, of the United States, avoided the worst of the showers to end Katarina Studenikova's giant-

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she beat the 23-year-old Slovak, who upset Monica Seles in the second round, 6-4.

#### RESULTS FROM WHUBLEDON

Women's doubles Men's singles Winner: £392,500 Winners: £139,040 Runner-up: £196,250 Runners-up: £69,300 Holders: J Novotna (Cz) and Holder: P Sampras (US) A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) Fourth (alma Third round

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Mixed doubles Winners: £68,280 Runners-up: £34,140 Holders: J Stark (US) and M Nevratilova (US) Second tound

#### ROWING

### Cross seeking revenge

on Hermann Bauer, of Austria, in the final of the Silver Goblets pairs at the Henley Royal Regatta on Sunday (Mike Rosewell writes).

Cross, 38, an Olympic bronze medal-winner in 1980 and Olympic champion, with Steve Redgrave, in 1984, narrowiy lost to Bauer in a remarkable 1990 Goblets final. Both men are attempting to reach this year's final with new partners. Bauer and Andreas Nader are the only

MARTIN CROSS is hoping Atlanta-bound pair in the to get a second chance to take event and Cross, a British event and Cross, a British international from 1978 to 1994, is with Richard Stanhope, 39, an international from 1981 to 1992.

Eton's race in the Temple Challenge Cup tomorrow will attract particular interest. Orange Coast, their American opponents, are using a revolutionary, snub-nosed, hydrophobic boat with a selfcorrecting rudder, reputed to be worth five seconds advantage, nearly two lengths, over 2.000 metres.

#### FOR THE RECORD

#### BASEBALL

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OTHER SPORT BOWLS. Britch Isles outdoor champion-ships and international series (Bollest) LACROSSE: Women's international. Scot-land v United States (Edinburgh)

Stoltenberg now plays either his compatriot, Patrick

Rafter, or the No 4 seed, Goran Ivanisevic, of Croatia, in the quarter-finals. That match was one of several that were affected by rain last

killing run yesterday when

McGrath, 25, who won and who is this year's Edgbaston champion, led 4-0 in the second set when rain interrupted procedings. After a delay of several hours, she returned on court and won two straight games to end the

McGrath now meets the No 9 seed, Mary Joe Fernandez, who yesterday beat Ai Sugiyama, of Japan, 6-4, 1-6,

IN BRIEF

Scotland

surprise

holders

underway in Belfast yester-

day (David Rhys Jones

The Scots, who picked

David Goortay Jr, the world indoor singles champion, for

the first time, led 88-73 after 15

ends, but Wales swept into the

lead, 97-94, three ends later.

George Adrain, Willie Wood and Alex Marshall produced

wins for the Scots, who fin-

ished strongly to win 124-112. England, who beat the

Channel Islands, 145-99, were

flattered by their winning

margin and owed much to big

victories for the rinks skipped by Tony Allcock, the world outdoor singles champion.

In the British individual

championships, John Lee-man, the England champion,

from County Durham,

reached the singles final with

a 21-14 win over Gracute Archer, the Scottish champi-

and David Ward.

S GRAF (Gar) bt M HINGS (Switz) 6-1, 6-4 M PIERCE (Fr) bt E Likhovinova (Rusa) 5-2, 6-3 J.K. Wisener (Austria) bit A. Fresser (US) 8-4, 6-4 A. SANCHEZ VICARIO (Sp.) bt S Appelmens (Bel) 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 M. J. McGrath (US) bt K. Studenfictive (Slovelite) 8-4, 8-0

Women's singles

Runner-up: £176,500

Holder: S Graf (Ger)

Found round

Winner: £353,000

R Bergh (Swe) and K Po (US) bt D Adams (SA) and K-A Guse (Aus) 7-5, 7-5

#### BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

#### If a defender leads a suit against No-Trumps, and then switche SCOTLAND, who have not won the British Isles bowls team title since 1979, surprised the holders. Wales, when the few weeks ago. home international series got

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South opened Two No-trumos and North raised to Three Notrumps. After the ace of diamonds West switched to the ten of spades. How should South play? It is likely that East has the ace of hearts. One thing is certain - West will not have five diamonds to the ace-king, and the ace of hearts, as with that holding he would have continued diamonds at trick two. So Rubin crossed to dummy with a club to play up to the king of hearts. To make

on. Cheltenham, skipped by Allcock, reached the final of his ninth trick he had to play a the triples, beating the Guernsey trio, skipped by Paul Ingrouille, 18-13. 🗆 SHOOTING: Lieutenant Sally Roots, 29, a Royal Navy first - after he has scored one engineer officer at Yeovilton, who last year became the first woman to win a Queen's

BEHISTUN

c. A lost tribe

yesterday won the Royal Navy target rifle championship at ranges of 300, 500, 900 and 1,000 yards. RUGBY UNION: Kim Deshayes, a former marketing manager at the Test and County Cricket Board, is to become the first chief execu-

tive of EPRUC - the organis-

ation running English pro-fessional clubs.

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medal for combat shooting.

# SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

it is often because he has no side entry. This is a hand the American ex-world champion Ronnie Rubin played at TGRs a Rubber bridge Love all

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tricks. In the BBL Buxton Congress, the Swiss Pairs was won

diamond. West won and played another heart, and the defence took three heart tricks. Rubin later realised that he should have played diamonds trick in the suit he can then the ace of hearts, it doesn't matter what the diamond position is; by playing the red suits in that order declarer cannot lose more than four

by John Holland and Richard Fleischman. The Swiss Teams was won by Wiltshire. . Also contested this weekend was the Portland Pairs: the result was a dead heat, resolved in favour of Roman Smolski and Vera Petty.

Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

### WORD WATCHING

#### By Philip Howard

GRAMMONT 2. A short memory a. Buddhist unselfishness b. A Persian rock

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a. A prophet b. A Jewish rice pudding c. A burning valley

 b. A spiked mace c. The Mount of Olives RACHE a. A spinster b. To torture by stretching c. A hound

Answers on page 43



BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Kamsky's revival in the second half of the Fide world championship Anatoly Karpov is showing signs of a collapse, replicating his marches against Korchnoi in 1978 and Kasparov in 1984. In game 13 Karpov over pressed massively from an equal

vas two pawns down. White: Anatoly Karpov Black: Guta Kamsky Fide world championship Elista, Game 13, July 1996 Queen's Indian Defend 3 NE3

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Game adjourned Diagram of adjourned position A A M & M abcdeigh

A heroic rearguard action enabled Karpov to draw after 90 moves, making the match score 8-5 in his favour. The remaining Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

#### WINNING MOVE

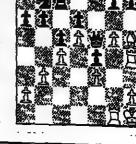
#### By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Kamsky — Seirawan.
Monaco 1994. Kamsky has built
up powerfully against the black
kingside, but it is not easy to see a clear continuation. Can you spot the clever combination he used to

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break through the black defences?

Solution on page 43



CRICKET

## Yorkshire bowlers justify captain's brave declaration

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

WORCESTER (final day of four): Yorkshire (23pts) beat Worcestershire (8) by 111 runs

WITH ten minutes to spare. and to the whooping acclaim of their travelling supporters, Yorkshire secured a fifth championship win of the sea-son yesterday to take a 19point lead at the head of the table. Now, more than at any time in the 28 years since their last title, those supporters can believe in their team's ability to stay there.

This is an exciting, develop-ing Yorkshire side and it has begun to believe in itself. To snatch victory here, from an unpromising platform, was the mark of serious championship contenders and the sight of Darren Gough slicing off the top and tail of the opposition batting was as heartening for country as county.

To anyone observing from afar, the overnight situation indicated a tranquil pitch and a need for collusion. To anyone who had watched the first three days, it was a mystery that the match had so far to run, for this was at no stage a comfortable surface. Within 15 minutes yesterday morning, the dramatic change in tone

Moody had opened his attack with spin at both ends

Moxon, Byas and Vaughan were out in the space of nine deliveries. The ball was turning sharply and, occasionally, bouncing steeply; batting was

McGrath edged to silly point, leaving Yorkshire effectively 96 for four. Worcestershire now had a real chance of winning, an opportunity that eluded them for three reasons the shallowness of their attack, an injury to their likeliest wicket-taker, Richard Illingworth, and the masterful batting technique of Michael

Illingworth had bowled unchanged for 16 overs when he plunged to his right at midwicket in an attempt to catch

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#### Middlesex take hope from Tufnell's form

Middlesex (8pts) drew with Warwickshire (10)

TWO sides with far too much respect for each other to take any chances had already resigned themselves to a draw even before the scudding clouds and intermittent showers permitted only 47.2 overs in the day (Pat Gibson writes). Both will look for brighter times and better results in the second half of the season.

For Middlesex, they could come from the form of Phil Tufnell still England's best left-arm spinner, who completed his second five-wicket haul in successive matches.

LORD'S (final day of four): 388 for five in reply to Middlesex's 413, had tried to score quickly to exert some kind of essure, but they finished up only 32 runs ahead and, although Small picked up a couple of early wickets. Mid-dlesex had little trouble in reaching 122 for three.

Warwickshire's opportunity will come after their next championship game against Nottinghamshire, when a couple of decent breaks will give them time to get their walking wounded - Reeve, Munton, Knight, Piper and

Craig White off Moody. The outcome was four runs and a split little finger, which prevented him bowling again. The stand between Bevan and White, then worth 69, eventually produced 93 for the fifth Bevan is no certainty to be

part of Australia's squad when they play West Indies in November, but nobody in England is batting better. Killing the lavish spin with soft hands and nimble, positive footwork, he punished every loose ball and hit ten fours in his second halfentury of the game. Without it. Yorkshire may even have

With rain threatening, Blakey and White perished to predetermined shots after lunch before Byas left opponents who had chased 446 to win their most recent game at Bath to score 233 at only four runs an over. Inside an hour, though, it was evident that their only remaining interest was the three points available for a draw.

Spin was not the only potent weapon on this surface; if the seamers bowled straight, the bounce — or more pertinently the lack of bounce - could be devilish. Church threw back his head in dismay as he fell legbefore to a shooter from Gough and Curtis had been struck twice on the gloves and groped at a grubber before, disconcerted, he edged to Blakey.

The second ball of spin, from Richard Stemp, crucially ac-counted for Moody, leg-before playing no stroke, and the impressive Silverwood comed a daunting 11-over spell with the wickets of Weston and Spiring. Worcestershire were now 28 for five, but Solanki, audaciously, and Rhodes, defiantly, put on 54 for the sixth

Rhodes was a second casualty of Stemp's arm ball and Solanki chanced his luck once too often. Once Ellis had gloved to slip, Gough steamed back to take the remaining two wickets. Both batsmen were out leg-before, as were 12 of the 19 Worcestershire wickets to fall in Bell among them — fit again.
The champions have been the persistence of Yorkshire's feeling the strain, but their bowling. There may be further coach, Phil Neale, insisted: tributes to come before the



Indians frustrated on all fronts

BY SIMON WILDE

SOUTHAMPTON (final day of three): Hampshire drew with the Indians

THE Indians' preparations for the third Test match at Trent Bridge later this week a match they must win - were brought to a watery and frustrating end when heavy rain restricted play to just 19 overs at Southampton yester-

To add to the touring team's concerns, they were unable in that time to separate the tenthwicket pair of Martin Thursfield and Stuart Milburn, who took their partnership from 16 to 91 and raised Hamoshire's total to 458 for nine, their highest in 13 matches against the Indians.

The freedom with which Thursfield and Milburn scored their runs made for an entertaining 90 minutes. Both are promising seam bowlers have yet to establish themselves in county cricket. but they did their causes no harm by so emphatically belying their status as tailend

Milburn, whose previous highest score was 22, claimed most of the plaudits for a maiden half-century that occupied only 54 balls. In audacious fashion, he scored 42 of the first 49 runs of the day and, in all, hit two sixes and six fours. When the decisive downpour brought the players off at 12.35pm, Thursfield had

career-best score. India used five bowlers in an attempt to break the stand and it does not bode well for their hopes of levelling the Test series with England that none of them succeeded. One over from Kumble cost 14 runs, with Milburn driving him out of the ground for six.

made 37, ten short of his

India had intended to use the day to give their batsmen practice, notably Tendulkar who has faced only one ball since the Lord's Test - and Rathore, who is the key to gaining the good starts that they have lacked in their Test innings. That they were unable to do so was in keeping with what has been an unsatisfactory week.

"The previous match ag-

did not provide our batsmen with the sort of stern test we were looking for at this stage of the tour," Sandip Patil, the India coach, said yesterday. "It is the sort of fixture that would have been more useful when we first arrived."

took seven first-innings wick-ets between them. With Salis-

bury in the home team's party

of 13, there is the possibility

that there will be the unusual

sight of three leg-spin bowlers operating in a Test match in

Although a final decision will obviously not be taken until they have examined the conditions at Trent Bridge, India are considering omit-ting Jadeja and selecting five bowlers to boost their chances of dismissing England twice.

Ankola, who looked the most threatening bowler at Southampton and finished with four wickets, will probably replace Mhambrey as the third seamer behind Srinath and Prasad. Raju and Hirwani are vying for the position of second spinner alongside Kumble, with Hirwani perhaps holding a slight advantage by dint of his less orthodox - and therefore perhaps more potent — style.

Their fortunes have rarely coincided. Hirwani and Kumble have played together in Test matches only twice,

practice session By JACK BAILEY

**Butcher** 

enjoys

SOUTHEND (final day of four): Essex (8pts) drew with

LONG before the heavens opened and threw down everything in their artillery except snow, this match was condemned to be drawn. It required more imagination and while batting through most of the first two days to give the game a chance. Once Graham Gooch and Stuart Law made Saturday their own, there was nowhere much to go.

Essex declared their hand vesterday morning when Such and flott came out to bat. Two balls later, they declared their innings closed. 54 runs behind. However, this was because Such perished to a catch at extra cover and Childs, suffering from food poisoning, was standing by only in case of emergency which this assuredly was not.

The rest of the day, before play was called off soon after 4pm, was spent in dodging heavy showers and in batting practice for Surrey. Mark Butcher made the most of his opportunity, compiling an assured, undefeated 85 with a six and 13 fours the main expression of his dominance on a good pitch. Darren Bicknell and Alec Stewart, having done the hard work, both succumbed in the thirties, Bicknell falling to Law's leg break and Stewart to his formidable catching skills.

Then there was just time for Graham Thorpe to confirm his prime form during a brief joust with Law and Such before everyone waded home.

# Wasim finds silver lining beyond Glamorgan clouds



PONTYPRIDD (final day of three): Glamorgan drew with the Pakistanis

HEAVY rain brought Glamorgan's game with the Pakistanis to an early close at Ynysangharad Park, but it could not dampen the spirits of cricketers who have resolved to be a happy, as well as a successful touring team. Under the leadership of Wasim Akram, they will please everybody who watches them this summer. "I have told the boys to enjoy their

cricket," the captain said. "We are sportsmen and we do not have a long

On the much-improved

square at Fenner's. Smith and

House both made an impact

with impressive and attractive

early centuries. Singh's hun-

dred - his second of the

season — in the game against Sussex that was washed out

yesterday saw him out on 240

than Derek Randall has pre-

dicted a career embracing a

hundred first-class centuries

for Singh, a thoroughbred

from the Warwickshire stable.

inferior. Experienced and

consistent run-makers in the

shape of Chinmay Gupte and

lain Sutcliffe lead the way for

them; Gul Khan, scorer of his

maiden first-class hundred

yesterday against Kent, is a powerful striker of the ball

watching and two well-

who can turn a match.

Not that Oxford will feel

with Smith. No less a judge

with the opposition socially and to play positive cricket at all times."

Wasim has grown so visibly in his job that it seems impertinent that his authority should be questioned, but it was, publicly and unforgivingly, three months ago when Pakistan lost a World Cup semi-final in Bangalore when he was absent injured. That defeat shook the team, but they have put it behind them and they are now looking forward to the series against

We have a good mixture of young and experienced players," he said. "We have been through a lean period in the

Pakistan put out a strong side for this match, which, with the possible exception of Mushtaq Saqlaim, the off spinner, may be the one that meets England at Lord's three weeks from now. The third paceman was Ata-Ur-Rehman, who took the one wicket to fall vesterday.

Wasim knows full well, from his experience as a member of teams led to this country by imran Khan and Javed Miandad, that "misunderstandings" may lie ahead, but he will not be drawn on allegations of ball-tampering that disfigured the last tour four years ago.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

It is obvious, from the off-field manner of these players, that they intend to be

good ambassadors. Wasim, who starts the series needing II more wickets for 300 in Tests, believes that Waqar, his new-ball partner, is approaching full fitness and form. "His pace is back," he said, "and he has recovered from his back injury. it was a shame for everybody that the rain prevented a full day's play. Rhondda-Cynon-Taff council spent

£25,000 on supporting the match and the hospitality was superb. So full marks all round - and keep an eye on these capable, potentially thrilling

#### span at the top. We intend to get on By MICHAEL HENDERSON past year, but the players are in a fresh



### University teams prepared to bat

BY JACK BAILEY

BY COURTESY of an error on the part of the fixture-makers, all dried, dusted and apparently irretrievably printed before anyone noticed, the 151st University match begins on a Tuesday and ends on a Thursday for the first time in living memory. Had this been day fixture, it would have been both understandable and desirable.

Two strong batting sides who are, conversely, equally weak in bowling will play each other at Lord's. It is consequently difficult to foresee anything other than a result induced by declarations or a draw. Yet the beauty of this annual fixture is its very unpredictability: the match above all others when, for freshmen and seniors alike, nerves are stretched and become a key factor in the Yet entertaining cricket

there should be. Rarely, since the halcyon days of the Fifties. when May, Sheppard, Doggart. Dewes and company were in their pomp, have Cambridge boasted a more impressive batting line-up. Russell Cake, the captain and scorer of a century in the 1995 match, is accompanied by freshmen of rare promise in the shape of Ed Smith, Anurag Singh and Will

Umpres: B Leadbeater and M J regner Hampshire v Indians

HAMPSHIRE: First Inongo as (0 23, to 28, w Z, nb 4)

Andrew Ridley, the Bradman scholar, and Will Kendall, of Hampshire, have both been in the runs recently. Like their opponents today, Oxford have benefited from some excellent pitches. Lord's promises batting worth the

matched teams. Durham v Gloucestershire CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY (from): R C Cavo (captain), E T Smeth R O Jones, A Singh W J House, P J Dealon, D R H Churton, A R Whittal, N J Haste A N Jansch, G Moffatt R T Rogneuth, J Rattedge.

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F J Procherd low b Peasson
P C twan b Peasson
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M C Both not out
P M Such or sub b Julian
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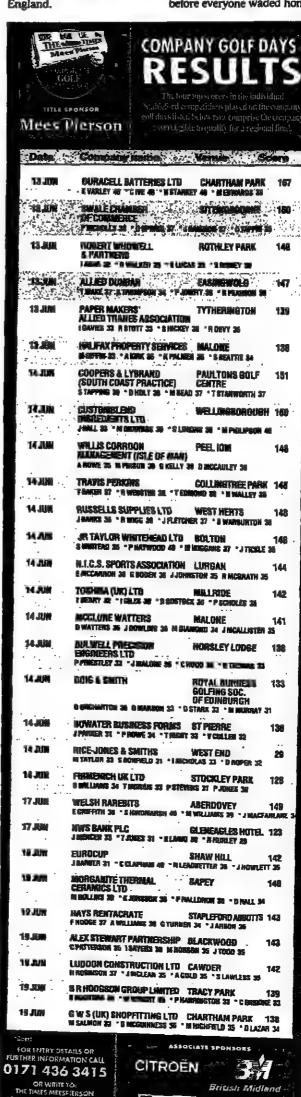
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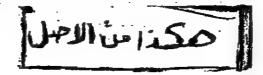
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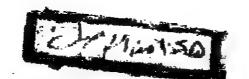
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RACING AHEAD



#### RACING: BOOKMAKERS KEEN TO LAY DERBY WINNER FOR SANDOWN SHOWDOWN

# Shaamit has point to prove in Eclipse

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

SHAAMITS Derby reputgreat pace from the word go. ation will be put on the line if he runs in the Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown - and the bookmakers doubt if the William Haggas-trained classic winner is up to it. The form of his Epsom success has taken a succession

of knocks with the horses who finished second, third, fourth, fifth and eighth having all been heaten subsequently, and when the sponsors opened their ante-post book for Saturday's group one race the 9-2 offered against Shaamit reflected the question mark which now hangs over

the Derby form. William Hill were even more damning, making Shaamit an II-2 chance, "His Epsom form took a battering over the weekend and he is certainly one we will want to lay," David Hood, the Hills

spokesman, said. There is a big doubt about the Derby form and his reputation is on the line." Dave Gilbert, the Coral odds compiler, added after installing the Geoff Wragg-trained Pentire as the 5-2 favourite.

No prisoners will be taken in the Eclipse. With horses like Bijou D'Inde, there will be a

The question is whether the turn of foot which he showed in the Derby will be so effective against these horses? He added: "With Dushyantor and Alhaamh having been well beaten since the Derby. the Eclipse looks to have better horses who are more battle

hardened." Haggas will not make a

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ENCHANTING EVE (3.30 Chepstow) Next best: Fonzy (3.45 Musselburgh)

decision about Shaamit's participation until after his stable star works at Newmarket tomorrow but supporters of the Derby winner will be quick to point out his natural speed could make him even more effective over the ten furlongs of the Eclipse.

Coral bet: \$-2 Pentire, 9-2 Shaamit, 5-1 Halling, 11-2 Charnwood Forest, 7-1 Bijou D'Inde. Singspiel and Valanour, 16-1 Definite Article, 25-1 Beauchamp King and

HOW THE HORSES BEHIND SHAAMIT HAVE FARED SINCE THE DERBY

Pentire, 3-1 Halling, 11-2 Shaamit, Charnwood Forest, 6-1 Valanour, 8-1 Bijou D'Inde, 10-1 Singspiel, 16-1 Definite

Article, 40-1 Ela-Aristokrati. Pentire, winner of the Irish Champion Stakes last year, has not raced since finishing a creditable fourth to Cigar in the Dubai World Cup in March, on his first run on the dirt. However, this race has

been the target for Geoff Wragg's top-class four-yearold for some time and he has been in sparkling form at home. The one doubt concerns the forecast of substantial rain before Saturday as Pentire is unproven on soft ground. By contrast, Halling relish-es give underfoot and Simon Cristord, the Godolphin rec-

ing manager, believes the fiveyear-old is in the form which saw him win the Eclipse 12 months ago. "The only times he has disappointed is when we tried to make a turf horse into a dirt horse. We should have learned our lesson in the Breeders' Cup Classic. "When he ran in Dubai he best other turf horses on the

sand and looked as though he

handled it, but in the World

Cup, where he came up

Ela-Aristokrati, Hills offer: 5-2 against professional dirt horses, it was a completely different ball game."

Halling won the group one Prix D'Ispahan at Longshamp on very soft ground in May and Crisford added: "He's going very well."

Valanour, trained in France

by Alain de Royer Duprii, won the Prix d'Harcourt and Prix Ganay in the spring and looks an interesting contender, while Dermot Weld, successful with Zagreb in the Irish Derby on Sunday, confirmed that Definite Article is a likely runner. After discussing the merits

of Zagreb's outstanding vic-

and Kieran Keneally, the Brit-

tory yesterday, Nigel Gray

ish and Irish middle-distance handicappers respectively, allotted a rating of 125 to the Irish Derby winner - compared to the 123 given to Shaamit and 122 earnt by Lady Carla, the Oaks winner. With Dushyantor, Shantou, Glory Of Dancer, Alhaarth, Acharne and Spartan Heartbest all having been defeated since running in the Derby, Gray is waiting to see how Shaamit performs on Satur-

day before possibly reassess-

ing the Epsom ratings.



Halling attempts a repeat victory in the Eclipse

#### Robert Wright suggests the best value in The ante-post market 📡 **GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES** Salmon Ladder Skillington Sheer Danzio Silver Groom Special Down Major Change Pleasant Surprice Winter Romanco Belleve Ma The Hong Kong Jackey Club Trophy, over ten turlongs at Sandown on Friday, is always a fiercely competitive handicap, and this season's renewal is no exception. With Wimbledon well underway, it is no surprise that rain is torecast for much of the week and the ground will probably be on the soft side at The Royal Hunt Cup winner, Yeast, heads the betting at 4-1, but he is far from certain to stay particularly if conditions are testing. Yeas's trainer, William Haggas, has also entered Missile, but he is an unlikely starter. The ground will be an important factor for many of the fanced numers, with Salmon Ladder, Skillington and Sheer Danzig all having a preference for a sound surface. Pleasant Surprise stayed on gamely to finish fourth behind Samraan in the King George V Handicap over 12 furlongs at Royal Ascot and would be a strong contender it testing ground brought his stamina into play. He looks fairly Richard Hannon's Balleve Me showed progressive form last season, but has taken time to reach his peak this term. However, he appeared to be returning to form before finishing well beaten in the Britannia Handloap at Royal Ascot. That effort is best ignored as he helped force too strong a pace there and wea

eased considerably once beaten. BELIEVE ME should be ideally suited by ten furlongs with out in the ground and is solid each way at the 25-1 offered by Coral and Hills.

WORD-WATCHING

b) The Rock of Behistun is a cliff-like mountain face in Western

lean, east of Kermanshah, bearing conciform inscriptions in Persian, Elamitic or Susian, and Babylonian, recounting the achievements of Darius 1. By 1846 Henry Rawlinson had succeeded in translating the ancient Persian, thus providing the key for the subsequent translation of the Susian and Babylonian, and laying the foundations of scientific Associology.

c) The valley of the children of Hinnom, through which

cy are variey or me emission of rannom, introops which children were made "to pass through the fire of Molech" (I) Kings xxiii, 10). Issiah, in prophesying the destruction of the Assyrians, foretold that their king would be destroyed by fire in Tophet. It is a bad place associated with horror and defilement.

a place of human sacrifice, but its location is a guess. The name

(a) A short memory from the story of the Count of Grammont. From his marriage to Elizabeth Hamilton — La Belle Hamilton — of the Restoration court. When leaving England in 1663, after

a visit in which he had compromised the lady's name, he was followed by her brothers with drawn swords. They asked him if he had not forgotten something. "True, true," said the Count pleasantly, "I promised to marry your sister." With which he returned to London and married Elizabeth.

(c) In medieval England, a bound that hunts by scent (OE racc a bound); they were later called "running hounds" or canes currentes. The Master of Game, c. 1410: "At first I will begin with

raches and their nature, and then greyhounds and their nature, and then alaunts and their nature, and then I shall devise and tell the sickness of hounds and their diseases."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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spet upon" or "the place of burning". GRAMMONT

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The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 CLASSIC PARISIAN.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4:00 CLASSIC PARISIAN (nep). 4.30 Overruled.

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2.30 SUMMER SELLING STAKES

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Apprentice jockey Chris Cogan was taken to Pontefract General Informary with suspocted fractures of his wrist and leg after a nasty fall yesterday. Cogan was unseat-ed when his mount Millicown Classic stumbled in the Ponte-Iract Apprentice Series Handicap. The stewards held an inquiry into the fall and found that nobody was to blame.

MUSSELBURGH 2.15 Bold Street. 2.45 BACK IN THE USSR (nap). 3.15 Rossel. 3.45 Forzy. 4.15 Ambidestrous. 4.45 Zuln Durrene.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.15 Rossel. DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

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4.15 INUIRFIELD HANDICAP (£3,501: 1m 3f 32yd) (7)

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505 (4) 3124 STEADERST ELITE 8 (CD.S.) J.J. Divide 5-8-5 . J. Carroll

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# A measure of true greatness

By TERRY VENABLES

Today Terry Venables opens his forthcoming book, The Best Game in the World, to The Times. His account of Euro 96 will follow later this month as soon as he has finished writing it

hat makes a great player? Come to that, how do you V V assess the ability of any footballer, good, bad or indifferent? Is it just a matter of opinion based on experience, or is there actually a formula that could make the whole process a little more scientific and a little more accurate? I happen to think there is, because I was one of a number of people who worked hard to find it.

In the summer of 1995, after England had played Brazil, Sweden and Japan in the Umbro Cup, I took part in a brainstorming ses-sion in the United States. It was organised by Umbro, the sports-wear company. They invited Pelé, Louis van Gaal, the Ajax coach, Shu Kamo, Japan's coach, Peter Gooding, of the American coaching association, and myself.
It was a kind of think-tank

designed to come up with a vision of the game in ten years' time. The idea was to find ways of maintaining football's massive, worldwide popularity and one of the things that emerged was a way of assess-ing the ability of footballers. We actually got a formula down on paper. It comes in four parts: technical, tactical, personality and pace. Those headings, I think, cover all the ingredients required to make a good player, and you give marks out of ten for each section. Basically, you are looking for a pass mark of 32 points out of 40.

r co-writer, Colin Malam, and I tried the system out using Tom Finney as a test case, and the old Preston Plumber came out of it with a remarkable 37 points, the highest mark I could recall up to then. Tottenham's Darren Anderton, with 35 points, also did particularly

l used a very similar system when I was a club manager. wanted them on the 33/34 mark if I was going to spend a lot of money on a player, and I don't think I made too many mistakes over the 18 or 19 years I did it, provided I had the time to apply my own little test of quality. If you look back at the big buys I made, Paul Gascoigne and Gary Lineker, for instance, I don't think many were too far out. I'm not being bigheaded in saying that: I'm simply trying to establish that here is a system for measuring the ability of footballers, quite a difficult thing to

do, with a degree of accuracy.

There is a considerable difference, of course, between being a good player and a great one. Great, I think, is being outstanding in every one of the four categories in the system. Certainly, if you can get

tens for technique and personality, it is going to take you into greatness. It is usually the most talented players who have got a question mark against their personality, by which I mean strength of character and leadership qualities, not charm. Conversely, those with the strongest personalities often haven't got it technically. Tony Adams must get a ten for personality, for instance, but you couldn't give him more than seven for technical ability. Tom Finney,

'It's a crazy job, an

almost impossible job.' Why I'm so grateful for Ron Greenwood's warning

on the other hand, would get a ten on personality and a ten for technique. That makes him great. Great in national terms, at least.

think there is a distinction between national greatness and international greatness. If we are are going to talk about the truly great players since the war, I don't think we can look much beyond Pelé and Diego Maradona. Maybe Johan Cruyff and Franz Beckenbauer as well, but nobody else qualifies for a level that you have to make greater than great.

Maradona's history of misbehaviour might prompt some to give him a low mark for personality, but he's always been a good team player. At Barcelona, they all spoke well of him, never mind what

anybody else said. And when he scored that goal for Argentina in the 1994 World Cup finals, all his team-mates ran towards him like a hurricane, didn't they, when he was going mad to the television cameras? They were all behind him, and you could see he was popular in the team. Overall, Pelé was probably the better player; but you could argue that Maradona never had as many top-class play-ers around him as Pele did in 1970.

What I always liked about Gary Lineker was the strength and clarity of his mind. If he failed to score, he wouldn't let it get him down. He'd make up his mind to go in there again looking for chances. He was unusual in that people with pace often lack a bit of thought, but his pace was electric and his mind couldn't have been sharper.

His touch could have been better sometimes; but because of his brightness, his game improved as he got older. His runs certainly improved, and he knew what he wanted from his game. It was all worked out. He very rarely hit the ball over the bar: it was always on target. When it's there, it's always got a chance of going in. Gary was shrewd; when it comes to a striker thinking about his game, he was possibly one of the best.

The one thing all great players have in common is that they are prepared to work hard for the team. Anybody who is not a team aver is not a great player

Maradona was a giver, not a taker, in the team context. Paul Gascoigne is the same. All Gazza wants is to be one of the boys. Normally, the rest of the players have got a little bit of carefulness about them towards the big star. He gets the best, and so on. But they want Gazza to have it because he only gives it back, anyway. That willingness to give of themselves for the sake of the team usually overrides any jealousy their team-mates might feel towards the star

players. The other thing, the main thing, all great players have in common is a love of the game. They must have loved it dearly at some stage in their lives to put in the practice that made them great. You don't become great by lying in bed. You become great by being born with the necessary talent and then polishing it to a fine sheen. I think you are blessed with a talent, but what you do with it can become a

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# Farewell to the flat caps

The football fan has become a different person in the past five years, and will change even more in the next five. The working man in the flat cap, if we can call him that, still goes to football; but he is being driven out by the powerful forces bringing in more luxurious and more costly accommodation for the supporters. In the end, I think the working man will have to settle for watching his club on television at home or in the pub with his mates.

Gentrification is not without its benefits, however. One thing it has helped to do is drive out the hooligan. Without wishing to sound snobbish or be disloyal to my own working-class background, the increase in admission prices is likely to exclude the sort of people who were giving English lootball a bad name. I am talking about the young men. mostly working class, who terrorised football grounds, railway trains, cross-Channel ferries and towns and cities throughout England and Europe with their violence from the late Sixties, until the Heysel StadiHillsborough four years later, prompted a change of mood.

It has not been easy, if only because of the profound changes which have taken place in English society during the past 30 years. The breakdown of family life and the declining influence of religion. I believe, were largely responsible for the hooligan phenomenon. Families are breaking up, religion dreadful episode, said to have been sparked off by extreme right-wing elements, should have been enough to alert us to the fact that football hooliganism has not gone away

completely.

If I had any doubts about it, they were removed by a visit we had at the FA towards the end of 1995 from a policeman who specialises in the subject. He showed us all the

'He showed us all the weapons they had confiscated from the thugs, and it was a terrifying sight'

is breaking up and so is the sense of discipline and self-worth they could

So far as the English are concerned, hooliganism only seems to surface now when the controls are relaxed for a moment and a cause is involved, as was the case with the outbreak of trouble that brought about the abandonment of England's match against Ireland in Dublin in February 1995. That weapons they had confiscated from the thugs, and it was a terrifying sight. You are talking about axes, sabres and razor-blades in the match programme. Apparently, they slide half the blades into the pages of a closed programme and

then strike out with it I thought to myself that if anyone saw that collection of weapons they'd never go to football again, and certainly never let their kids go. It was such a terrifying sight. I wondered whether to show it to the England players. I decided to in the end because sometimes games are held up for 15 minutes or so when there is trouble getting the crowd into the ground. The players get upset at the delay because they are all tuned up and ready to go. So I told them to east their minds back to what they had just seen the next time their game is held up.

One of the worst side-effects of hooliganism is that it has made it so much more difficult for the wellbehaved football supporter to gain some recognition and respect from the foutball authorities. As I keep on saying, the game belongs to the fan: not in the sense that he should be able to interfere directly with the running of his team, but in the sense that he should have a big say in the way his club is run. In the thrashing out of what the game is going to be, the fans should be represented strongly. I'm not quite sure how that can be brought about, but perhaps the media could

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## MY EURO 96 DIARIES



BY GRAHAM KELLY, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

What? Sir Bert Millichip flashing? I think something rather important must have been lost in the translation

Another match, another luncheon. This time Noningham, the Royal Moat House. These venue luncheons comprise officials of the two countries

playing each other, the Football Association. Uefa and city and county authorities - about 30 in

The game [Croatia v Portugal, at the City Ground] is a terrible

Croatia, already qualified for the quarter-finals, rest many of their stars, lose a goal after only four minutes and slack defensive play leads to two further goals for Portugal.

Croatia may need to avoid yellow cards, but how fair is it to

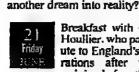
At least Italy only harmed themselves by resting players against



have made racist comments to Desailly. If this is true, it's a disgraceful blot on the tournament and almost entirely

out of keeping with the tenor of the Never thought I would ever say this, but I am sorry to see the Scots

It's been a wonderful first phase superb atmosphere, exciting football and nice people every-Can England progress and turn



Breakfast with Gerard Houllier, who pays tribute to England's preparations after visiting training before the Holland match. Meeting with Gordon Taylor about possible partnership

Stoichkov is reported to with PFA. Meeting of commercial committee.

Dinner with English and Span-ish officials at Trinity House, Tower Hill, the home of Britain's lighthouses. Spanish president's compliment that "Sir Bert Millichip should have been blushing when praised on the organis-ation at Uefa's Euro 96 Comminee caused some amusement when his charming interpreter. Maria, ini-

tially said "flashing"! Egidius Braun is chairman of the Euro Committee, but hasn't seen Germany play vet because he gets too uptight.



Today I can appreciate Eddy Braun's feelings. I am so determined not to pitch my hopes too high that I am in torment when England v Spain kicks off at Wembley. For two years, I have

been saying that Venables is getting it right. Today will be the acid test against the technically gifted, strong and resilient Sparuards; when we shall see whether the team is capable of building upon their inspirational performance against the Dutch.

um disaster in 1985, and the one at

It was always going to be a tight game, but it becomes absorbing as England make excellent efforts for the all-important game. Neither team can find the net and extra time comes with the innovation of the sudden-death "golden goal", a phrase which probably says it all for the two coaches.

I suspect the new rule will prove counter-productive, as the risk of losing a goal from which there is no recovering is so huge. However. both teams continue to seek a winner, which ultimately eludes

Six years after his Italia 90 penalty miss. Stuart Pearce is courage personified as he coolly despatches the third kick after Alan Shearer and David Platt, England's victory is sealed by Gascoigne and the super Seaman.
In The Times, David Miller

criticised the Turkish supporters for their non-stop derision of the Croats at Nottingham. Am I alone in finding the English baying of the Spanish penalty-takers unpleasant? Maybe I'm expecting too

Terribly sad for the Spanish who go home undefeated but just don't do enough to win today.

Tears of sadness and joy in the royal box during the final sing-

One England fan proffers pro-Italian Night advertised in the gramme and pen not for my autograph but for that of my constant companion, who has so impressed him with her singing! Frank Skinner hasn't cried so

much since the Baggies were I decide not to ask him which

Terry's [Venables's] dad. Fred, recognises that England have secured a really good victory. Who do we want to face in the semis? I would rather the organised and straightforward

Germans than the tough, gifted and unpredictable Croats. Tony Adams sits quietly in the royal retiring room watching France v Holland with a glass of mineral water as the rest of the team join friends and relations in the har, I tell Shearer and Sheringham that they deserve all their success.

Home in time to watch last 15 minutes and penalties in the [France] quarter-final. Ring Houlier to congratulate him on France's

We have three "lodgers from hell" in residence so it's off with the eight-year-old to fetch a takeaway from Pizza Hut and a (relatively) early night.

Our visitors are off to the airport at 7.30am, so it's off to the health club at the constant companion's hotel to shake off the lethargy of late nights and If she was responsible for the

lobby for the eve of the final, maybe her job in sales could well be on the Work on proposals for reform of

Uefa have requested observations by June 26. The biggest flaw, in my view, is the suggestion to have groups of six teams in the Champions' League, rather than four as at present. This

the European Champions Cup, as

would surely lead to meaningless games which would distort comp-Poborski's outrageous scrop for the Czech Republic frustrates the increasingly lacklustre Portuguese, but the watching French must have heen rubbing their hands at the bookings incurred by four Czechs which render them ineligible for

Wednesday's semi-final at Old Trafford. Overnight in Birmingham.



FA Coca Cola Football Development Conference at the Inter-national Convention

Centre. Presenters include Andy Roxburgh and Bert van Lingen. I refer to the massive strides fnotball has made in ten years since we first embarked upon development programmes with local

Since we overcame Spain on Saturday I have really come to believe that we might go all the

Send a goodwill fax to Terry and the team at their Burnham Beeches



Driving to work at bam, I am struck on hearing Neil Sedaka's Beth Grable how sad it

must be to live in the United States, a nation of 300 million people whose memories of tender years are dominated by Saturday afternoons at the picture

Throughout my 50 years, I have never been able to conceive Saturday without a match and now I'm getting the feeling in summer too. And on nearly every other day as well as Saturday.
Today's Daily Mirror has a

smiling picture of Klinsmann on the front page accepting their food hamper.

Yesterday's rude and ignorant analogies with the war have caused widespread anger. Like Strichkov's abuse of Desailly, it was out of rune with the good nature of the tournament.

Meeting of the pyramid of the Football Committee. Life still goes on outside Euro 96. A. F. H. Newbury's election into the Wessex League is opposed by both the Hellenic League and the Hampshire League.

Football may have come home but some of the problems never go

To reception given by Jan Wooldridge of the Daily Mail. TOMORROW: WEMBLEY'S GRAND FINALE

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# FOOTBALL: WORTHY WINNERS LIFT TEAM ETHIC TO NEW HEIGHTS IN SECURING FIRST LEADING TOURNAMENT FOR VOGTS

# Bierhoff in tune at last with Germany's song

THOSE Germans! Not only did they take the title that England thought would be theirs, they stole the phrase collective responsibility. At least it seemed that way in the corridors beneath Wembley Stadium on Sunday night when Oliver Bierhoff, the player who appeared belatedly to win the European championship final against the Czech Republic, insisted on sharing the acclaim for each of his goals with colleagues.

Bierhoff had been, until that night, the unsung German, the player from abroad who, even with all of the injuries in the camp, was surplus to Berti Vogts's requirements. However, when Bierhoff came off the bench to score with his first touch and again with his last. the goals were both golden in terms of overhauling the obdurate and opportunist Czech

Many people gave Vogts the credit for his timing, and for his fateful decision to trust a player who had lurked in the background throughout the tournament. It was rather, though, a decision that came 14 years ago, exactly halfway through Bierhoff's life, which held the key; for then he was an Essen choirboy, yet to decide between an operatic or

a sporting career After the decision and the trawl through eight clubs in three countries, it seemed, barely one year ago, that Bierhoff would have made a very good opera singer. Then, moving from Ascoli in the Italian second division to Udinese in Serie A, he suddenly struck consistency. His oft 2in athlete's frame suddenly found the co-ordination and his mind the clarity and confidence to score 17 goals in one season, more than any other German with an Italian

"I had the confidence to wait for my chance," Bierhoff said . The philosophy that the coach [Vogts] has given us is that the team is the star. There was no unrest, I was told to prepare myself for when the

opportunity arose." He did that. Coming on to the field threequarters of the way through the final, Germany a goal down, Bierhoff positioned himself in the goalmouth, ran from right to left, and connected with his forehead to a free kick by Christian Ziege. "We have practised this time and again."

Williams to

Rob Hughes on the enduring

qualities of the world's leading

football power



Bierhoff said. "I just speculated by moving to the far post, and after that goal it was a sea of happiness.

His second goal appeared to most eyes to be a solo effort, his tight turn with Karel Rada clinging tenaciously to his back, and then a left-foot shot which went through the hands of the goalkeeper to end the final dramatically five minutes into extra time.

Again Bierhoff shares the credit. "I was just about to turn to my left." he admitted. "when Marco Bode shouled no, turn right. So I did that, but I never even saw if the goalkeeper touched the ball or not. What counts is that we are European champions, so at the end of the day the coach has done everything

right."
The coach, Hans-Hubert Vogts, the son of a shoemaker, thus returns to Germany lauded instead of vilifiedas he was after Germany's failure at the 1994 World Cup. After 72 games as the Bundestrainer. Vogts has a title, and if for

Thomas Helmer (Germany) Matthias Sammer

(Germany) Paolo Maldini (fialy) Radek Latal (Czech Republic) Dietar Elits (Germany) Marcel Desailly (France)

Sergi (Spain) Hristo Stoichkov (Bulgaria) Alan Shearer (England)

machine and they deserve

our respect and admiration.

They may not have played

the most sparkling football,

but nobody got a good result against them. It is a bit like

the team that wins the pre-miership: you have to win that over 38 matches and

whoever does deserves it. The

Germans played through thick and thin. That is their

People think they are ste-

rectypes, but when you look

at them they are still inventive

players. Much of the time is

spent trying to give the space

to Sammer, who can ping-

pong his passes all over the

pitch. The German team is

full of players making cul-

They rode their luck a few

times, but every time you thought they might be on the

brink of failure, just when

matches seemed to be ebbing

away from them, they got

back on track with a goal.

That shows tremendous resil-

ience and spirit. They had

injuries, but in the end on

Sunday night they ended up

with a better team than they

started with. They have just

got a knack of grinding out

The Czechs played a more

enterprising game and I

thought they were just about

the best team on the night -

but that is the unpredictabili-

ty of football. Spain were

better than England in the

quarter-finals and England

went through. England were

better than Germany in the

semi-finals but Germany

went through. We cannot begrudge them their victory.

although I felt dreadfully

results.

pedigree.

Gascoigne.

that he allowed Matthias Sammer, the elegantly slim former East German within his team that proved decisive, Vogts himself has always collective preached

responsibility.

He even said it before the phrase became synonmous with the way that England's team erupted out of its own problems to show the character that drove it, against expectations but on the swell of quite astonishing public support, to its optimum level of semi-finalists.

Watching on the night that England succumbed to the even greater belief, bordering on arrogant self-assertion that binds Germany again and again, was Mong-Joon Chung, from South Korea, a vice-president of Fifa, the

world governing body.

Chung, a member of the
Korean parliament and one of the world's leading industrialists, has seen every serious football nation in action during the past two years. "What I saw at Wembley, the communion between the crowd and the English team, even if you lost," he said. "makes me envy your football culture.

"I saw in the newspapers many criticisms about nationalism, but it seems to me that it is better to channel those feelings into sport and if there was trouble away from the stadium, then again your police know where it will happen and what to do to contain it. I really envy everything that I saw."

Another source of learning, if not envy, from the match on Sunday was the way Vogts, as the golden moment beckoned, used his substitutes. Putting Bierhoff into the fray meant that his team now had three out-and-out forwards, and one wonders what might have happened in the semi-final had Terry Venables shown a similar faith in Les Ferdinand.

He, the redundant force, might have scored with the opportunity that Anderton put against the post. He, or Nick Barmby, with fresh legs, might have connected with the two late chances that evaded Paul

But then, we dress up this entire game - and it has been hard to reconcile business and the outpouring of nationalism with a game, these past three weeks. All of the questions

Bierhoff is ecstatic after scoring the extra-time goal that brought Germany a third European championship about penalty-taking, about preparation and nerve and so that descended around side at the start of the Euro 96 Gareth Southgate, were lost qualifying campaign.

on the Czech Republic. Why? Because their defender, Miroslav Kadlec, who struck the decisive penalty kick in the semi-final against France at Old Trafford, debunked the whole myth. "I just took the ball, ran up. closed my eyes, and hit it."

Myth-busting became a habit to the Czechs. They appointed Dusan Uhrin, man with no background of play-

ing or coaching at internation-al level, as coach and gave him the task of coordinating the

rumours of match-fixing and insolvency in Prague, he had infrequent contact with the majority of the Czech players, who are employed abroad, and when, yesterday, the tech-nical study group of Uefa, the European governing body. praised his work as the best coach of the competition, they showered words such as

organisation, motivation, resourcefulness on him.

After 31 matches in eight cities, matches which, in every stadium, became festivals rather than venues of violence or drunkeness, we can a thanks to our visitors. Rarely has one known such a heady atmosphere of friendship as that between the Scots and the Dutch at Villa Park, seldom has one seen the English mixing so good-naturedly with visitors from Croatia, Turkey, and despite the worst intentions of some

newspapers, even the

Germans. If one thing could be learnt from a tournament bedevilled by poor refereeing, it is that sport, where tolerance prevails, can deflect us all from the worst fears, the worst excesses of modern life. The visitors came to play, some of them to win, and we all acknowledged that, if this was football laced with too much caution, too great a coaching influence, ultimately the game and its supporters won the

## Joy overflows for elated champions

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

GERMANS basked in glory. Czechs mourned in defeat the predictable, contrasting reactions greeted Germany's 2-1 victory, in extra time, over the Czech Republic in the final

of Euro 96 at Wembley.
In Germany, Oliver Bierhoff's "golden goal" sparked
scenes of jubilation. Church bells rang in Stuttgart and about 4,000 supporters gathered on the Kurfurstendamm, Berlin's main shopping avenue. Even business in the Reeperbahn, Hamburg's notorious red-light district. ground to a halt.

Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, attended the match and led the myriad of tributes. They stood their ground, they showed fighting spirit and they showed team spirit," he said.

Exuberance spilled over into violence in some towns and cities, however. Thirty people were detained in the western state of North Rhine-Westphalia after brawls broke out in Essen and Düsseldorf. Vandals smashed windows, plundered a store and damaged parked cars in Herne; troublemakers threw beer bottles at police in Berlin and two men who fired fireworks at a crowd watching the match in

Mettmann were arrested. On the Germany squad's return home yesterday, hundreds were waiting to salute them at Frankfurt airport. About 5,000 crammed into Romer Square as the players held aloft the Henri Delaunay Cup at a civic reception.

In the Czech Republic, the mood was more sombre. An estimated 30,000 had congregated in the Old Town Square in Prague to watch the final on six giant television screens. Initially buoyant after Patrik Berger had given the Czechs a 1-0 lead, they dispersed peacefully when Bierhoff scored his decisive second goal. Czech newspapers were still

full of praise for Dusan Uhrin's players. A big thanks boys," Blesk, the tabloid, said. Pravo led its front page with the headline: "After a big fight we lost but we did not fail."

German papers did not conceal their delight. "Giants!" Express the Cologne tabloid, roared, "European champions — golden Bier-hoff!" Bild, the mass-circulation daily, said. Nevertheless. General-

Anzeiger, the daily, warned of excessive outpourings of feryour. "The French nationalist, Jean-Marie Le Pen, preached racial hatred," it said. "He called their team a bunch of

black refugees.
From the Croatian camp came news that victory on the pitch was as important as the conquest of the Krajina region ... English tabloids stoked up xenophobia. All this doesn't say much for football's power to bring nations together."

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### Extra time allotted for golden goal rule

FOOTBALL'S "golden goal" rule will continue to be used in England, despite the controversy surrounding Germany's European championship win over the Czech Republic on Sunday. The final was brought to a halt five minutes into extra time, when Oliver Bierhoff scored for Germany. and it was the first time a leading world tournament had been decided in such abrupt fashion.

Berti Vogts, the Germany coach, was not keen on the regulation, which had not brought a decisive outcome in the previous knockout stages of Euro 96. "It is unfair. I still do not like it." he said. "The Czechs should have had the

opportunity to come back."

Dusan Uhrin, the Czech coach, was undecided. "If it means that teams will become more adventurous in extra time, then it is good, but it has

not been proved yet."

The Czechs experienced similar emotions to those of the Carlisle United players 14 months ago, when they lost to a sudden-death goal from Paul Tait, of Birmingham City, in the final of the Auto Windscreens Shield, also at Wembley, "Golden" was not the most common word used to describe it by Carlisle



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The winner of the £25,000 prize had much reason to thank Oliver Bierboff Pages 22 and 23

However, it was used in the competition last season and will be, again, during 1996-97. Andy Williamson, assistant secretary of the Football League, said yesterday: "It should provide an incentive for teams to go forward and we're reasonably content with it. It has worked successfully for us and the experience of Euro 96 has not changed that

The Coca-Cola Cup will not take on a golden hue in the near future, nor will the FA Cup. We have no immediate plans to look at the rule." a spokesman for the Football Association said. "I think you can assume the FA Cup is Vogts was voted the champi-

on coach of Euro 96 yesterday and Uhrin received a small measure of consolation when he was selected as the coaches coach - a special award that was made by the technical study group of Uefa, the sport's governing body in Europe.

Petr Kouba, the Czech goalkeeper, also appears to have been recognised for his efforts during the tournament. CTK, the Czech news agency, reported yesterday that Kouba is to join Deportivo La Coruña, the Spanish dub, from Sparta Prague.

☐ The final was watched by an average of 16.9 million viewers in the United Kingdom on Sunday evening-BBC's coverage was seen by 12.6 million people and 4.3 million watched ITV. The game peaked at more than 19

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The number of matches on Vernons coupons will be reduced from 58 to 49 when the new English season starts on August 17 Vince Wright gave six out of eight aways last Saturday

### Davor Suker (Croatia) Once again, typical resilience surmounted every challenge better than what we saw in the World Cup in the United

### link up again with obody really wanted them to win and I suppose part of us all McGhee is saying: "Oh no, not the bloody Germans again," but you have to admire what they achieved in Euro 96. Germany is a tournament

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

WOLVERHAMPTON Wanderers yesterday paid Reading E750,000 for Adrian Williams, the Wales defender. Williams, 24, who has spent nearly ten years at his home-town club, has signed a four-year contract. He links up again at Molineux with the management team of Mark McGhee, Colin Lee and Mike Hickman, having served under them during one promotion season at Elm Park.

"Adrian is a player I have continued to admire and, in today's market, he is wellpriced," McGhee said. "If I had sold him at Reading, I would have been looking for a lot more than £750,000.

The size and ambition of Molineux are very exciting and I can't wait to get stuck into the challenge," Williams said. "I thought Wolves would do much better than they did last season, but it's up to us all now to try to handle the big expectations."

Sunderland have announced a £6 million cash injection that will guarantee the completion of its new stadium. The NWS Bank, a subsidiary of the Bank of Scotland, has agreed a loan, repayable over ten years, with the club. The announcement means that Sunderland, just promoted to the FA Carling Premiership, now has the £15 million it needs to build the largest purpose-built football ground constructed in Britain since the Second World War.

The new site is less than a mile from their present ground, Roker Park, and should be ready for the start of the 1997-98 season. The allseat stadium will have a capacity of 40,000.

Tom Boyd, 30, the Scotland defender, has agreed a new five-year contract with his club, Celtic.





Euro 96 Commentary

sorry for Kouba, the Czech I thought it was a very good tournament, although would not necessarily agree with Terry Venables that some of the football was

States two years ago. Nevertheless, it was played at a very high level. The most disappointing thing was the standard of the set plays, but on Sunday they changed that around with some fantastic outswinging and inswinging corners and some clever free kicks. Both teams were dynamic and dangerous from dead-ball situations. of all the teams, I thought England and Spain hit a high level and Croatia looked as

though they might be Italy were potentially the best team in the tournament and it was a shame they went

out so early. They outplayed the Czechs with ten men in their group game and then they exposed the Germans as ordinary in the next match. Which brings us back to the winners. None of the teams could beat the Germans and

Sammer's passing skills and clever use of space were at the heart of Germany's successful tactical plan

champions. The Czechs had a bit of romance about them, but everybody learnt the lessons of football at the highest level by watching Berti Vogts's team win the tourna-I was astonished when he

took Scholl off in the second half because I thought he looked more dangerous than Klinsmann or any of his colleagues. Then the substitute went and knocked in Germany's two goals to win it. It might have broken a few hearts but that was an inspired move.

The tournament did not end on a flat note because both teams gave us such an enjoyable final, but it still felt like a bit of an anti-climax after all the excitement over England's performances. Venables showed again and again what an intelligent, thinking coach he is.

t was probably the best possible outcome for Glenn Hoddle, the incoming coach, because it has raised morale without giving him the burden of having to follow a coach who won England's first big tournament for 30 years. There should be a degree of

continuity in the squads he picks and the ones that Terry chose. We should not forget the contribution of Don Howe, either. I would take him to any club anywhere in the world with me. It is impossible to over-estimate the contribution that he will have made.

In the end, England just fell short. We did the Dutch waltz and we scraped through the paso doble, but we could not quite stand up on the table with the Germans when the compah bands struck up. It was them and not us who were left in the spotlight when the music stopped.

CYCLING

# Cipollini exacts rapid revenge on sprint rivals

keepers, cycling's sprinters are a breed apart, respectful of their art, respected and feared by their fellows. They earn their pay on the long, flat stages that traditionally dominate the first week of the Tour de France.

By the time the peloton sweeps into Paris at the end of the race, they are resting their well-muscled legs in the garden. Sprinters are not built to last nor, on the evidence of yesterday, are they to be crossed lightly.

On the second-longest stage of the Tour. 247 kilometres through Holland, Belgium and into northern France. Mario Cipollini, the self-styled king of the sprinters, alias the Il Re Leone (The Lion King), Super Mario and Il Magnifico - sprinters and climbers are granted nicknames - had a

point to prove. Humiliated the previous day by Frederick Moncassin, the Gan sprinter (he was fined and disqualified from third place for blocking the Frenchman near the line), the flamboyant Italian restored the natural order by winning the second stage of the Tour by a bicycle length. As sprint victories are measured in millimetres, it was not even

Cipollini would have been an odds-on favourite. In the morning, he had congratulated Moncassin on his victory, but through the gritted teeth and with the dark tones that suggested revenge was nigh.

Sprinters live on their nerves. Rumours of the demise of a champion spread quickly through the closed community and, on this Tour, there are plenty of young pretenders ready to exploit any weakness.

You risk and risk and risk someone hits the brakes." Max Sciandri, a close friend of Cipollini's, said. Sprinters get rich by ignoring the brakes.

On Sunday, Cipollini had spent much of his afternoon in the pack discussing cars. mo-





On the Tour de France

torbikes and speed in general with Sciandri, the British Olympic rider and a member of the Motorola team, who is a neighbour in Tuscany. Both have recently bought Harley-

Cipollini lives in the village of San Giusto Compito (pop: 60), close to the beautiful walled town of Lucca, but his lifestyle of fast cars and designer clothes smacks too much of the big-city boy for some of the more sober locals.

ose. "He told me he is going to Had it been a horse race, buy a Ferrari soon," Sciandri said, "but much of all that



Cipollini: proud

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TODAY'S STAGE (195km, Wasquehol to Nogert-Sur-Orso).

stuff is image, it's just part of the show. When he's on his own, Mario is a very simple guy and very professional, very dedicated to his job. But here on the Tour, with the cameras on him, he has to put

the image back on."

He is fined ES every day for wearing Ferrari-red shorts when the rest of his Saeco team wear black and has a green and a yellow pair in his suitcase ready for the day he wears the green or the yellow

The victory yesterday was a classic example of Cipollini's sprinting style. While Mon-cassin had been a lone raider the previous day, taking him-self into the leading bunch and choosing his moment to strike. the Italian champion's win was choreographed from two kilometres out. "Cipo is differ-ent from some of the others." Sciandri said. "If you don't bring him up to the leaders cleanly, he won't win the

The Saeco team timed their challenge to perfection, riding down a brave breakaway by Rossano Bassi, of Polti, within the last five kilometres and stretching the rival sprint teams beyond their limits. When Ekimov made a final break for the line, it looked as if all the planning had been in vain, but Cipollini was at full throttle by then and, well before the line, the Russian's challenge had faded to

nothing. Crossing the line, the Italian struck the traditional winner's pose, arms outstretched, satisfied that all was right with the world again. "I'm happy for myself, my team and my pride, he said.

Earlier in the stage, Chris Boardman's Gan team had worked hard to reel in a fourman break so that their man, Moncassin, might have a chance of grabbing his second consecutive stage. The Frenchman finally finished fourth behind Jan Svorada and Jeroen Blijlevens, the young Dutch sprinter, who followed his narrow defeat on Sunday with another second

Boardman survived one fright but otherwise enjoyed a quiet day in the peloton. happy to avoid trouble and save himself for the rigours of the mountains later this week. He fell once, but without damage, and lost no time. He will begin the third stage today, from Wasquehal to Nogent-sur-Oise, in eighth place, 17 seconds behind Alex Zulle, in the yellow jersey, and five seconds behind Mi-

guel Induráin.



### **Kuehne hits rare heights**

By Patricia Davies

PAM KUEHNE assumed she had brought a couple of football players (American version) and a cheerleader into the world, but her children - Trip, Hank and Kelli - turned to golf instead. At Royal Liverpool, Hoylake, yesterday, Kelli, the youngest, was the object of all the cheering as she beat Becky Morgan, of Monmouth, to win the British Women's Amateur Championship and complete a unique treble.

In 1994, the youngest Kuehne, now 19, won the United States girls' junior championship; last year she added the US Women's Amateur title: now she has joined the select list of players to win both the US and British titles. if she successfully defends her American title at the Firethorn club in Lincoln, Nebraska, in August, she will become the fourth person to win both championships in the same year, after Catherine Lacoste, in 1969, Pam Barton, in 1936, and Dorothy Campbell Hurd, in 1909.

Brought up in Texas, where it blows a bit, she impressed with her precise, thoughtful play, using the wind rather than fighting it, and holing more than her fair share of putts with a cack-handed grip (left hand low. in American)

adopted in May. In a final that must have been one of the shortest on record, simply because Kuehne, at 5ft 2in, was half an inch taller than Morgan, the

Results

Texan, in her own words, "turned into a birdie machine on the front nine". Her first birdie was at the long 3rd. where she chipped to four feet to go one up, but Morgan squared the match with a par three at the 4th, where Kuehne three-putted.

Then the machine purred into overdrive, with birdies at the 5th, 7th, 8th and 9th, to reach the turn four holes ahead. Morgan, 21, who was runner-up in the Welsh Open strokeplay championship earlier this year, looked outclassed. However, she had a chance at the 10th, where Kuchne, thinking of trying to hit the fairway for the first time in the tournament, duffed her drive into the rough. Morgan, however, threeputted and the hole was nalved

Morgan, whose performance was perfectly timed to help the Monmouth club celebrate its centenary, garnely kept things going until the 15th, where a superlative bunker shot by Kuehne, who has been working hard on her short game, closed out the match.

In the morning, Morgan had been too steady for Elaine Ratcliffe, of Cheshire. Kuchne, perhaps determined to show she should have been better used at Killarney, had to hole an eagle putt of 25 feet at the 16th to nose ahead of Sonia Bauer, of France.

**RUGBY LEAGUE** 

#### Hall plans to appeal against ban

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

DEAN HALL, the Bramley forward banned for 15 months for what the Rugby Football League disciplinary committee described as "deliberate, callous and forcible" use of an elbow against the head of an opponent, is to appeal against

into account Hall's four previous suspensions between 1990

A fair shoulder charge was

The Australian Rugby League (ARL) judiciary has imposed a two-match suspencommitting a careless and

Leeds yesterday signed Marcus St Hilaire, 19, a richlytalented full back, from Huddersfield on a three-year contract.

RADIO CHOICE

## Down to the sea again

By The Beautiful Sea. Radio 2, 9pm.

I was a Blackpool lad, born almost within the shadow of the Tower and, at first lick, able to identify the maker of a given stick of rock. But by the Fifties, I had lived so long in the South, that I had all but forgotten what simple joys were to be found at the end of a northern pier. So, By The Beautiful Sea is very much my kind of programme, It tells me what I had lost in the Fifties by swapping ozone for exhaust fumes. Producer Angela Hind has taken this decade as her springboard for a feast of reminiscences because this was when seaside resorts helped to disperse the last of the post-war blues.

Through the Night. Radio 3, lam.

I have little sympathy with those reader-listeners who complain to me that Donald Macleod's selection of music for insomniacs is too highbrow. While it would be foolish to pretend that Through The Night is packed with Gems from the Masters tunes that make easy Night is packed with Gems from the Masters tunes that make easy listening, I would say that Macleod has got the balance between the familiar and unfamiliar just about right. As an example of how the pill is sugared, take tomorrow morning's selection. One minute it's Shostakovich's Six Songs on Verses by British Poets, and his Cello Concerto No I. The next, it is Grieg's Piano Concerto or Ravel's brilliant orchestration of Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition, You surely can't expect a musical pot-pourri, whatever the hour, to provide more variety than that.

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo 6.00am Martin Kalner 7.30 Sarah Kennedy 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 8.35 John Dun 7.00. Hayes over Britain 8.30 Bob Holness and Friends 9.00 By the Beautiful Sea. See Crotor 10.00 French Connections (2/5) 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Adnan Finighan 3.00 Steve Madden

#### RADIO 5 LIVE

5,00em Morning Reports 6.00 The Breaklast Programme, incl 6.55, 7.55 racing praview 8.25 The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Mair 1.16 Wimbledon 96, with John Inverdale. The last eight women take centre stage to battle it out for a place in the sent firms incl at 7.00 News Exer 8.05 incade Edge, with Rob Bornet incl at 8.15 The Business of Sport with Paul Charles and Sport First with Tarnil Gray 9.35 The Moguls. David Mellor takes to Jagmohan Daimnya, the most powerful main in Indian cricket who hopes to become chalman of the ICC most powerful man in Indian cricket who hopes to become chairman of the ICC next week 10.05 News Talk, with Negel Cassidy 11.00 Night Extra, with Valerie Sanderson, incl 11.15 The Francial World Tonight 12.05am After Hours 2.05 Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

5.30am Paul Ross 10.00 Scott Chisholm 1.00pm Anna Raeburn 3.00 Tommy Boyd 5.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Sports Zone 10.00 James Whale 1.00em Ian Collins

**Europe Today** 

9,000 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchlime Concerto 3,00 Jamie Crick 8.00 Classic Newsnight 6,30 Sonala 7.00 The Opera Guide 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin 1,00pm Mel Cooper VIRGIN RADIO

6,00am Russ 'n' Jona 9,00 Richard Skinner 12,00 Graham Dene 4,00pm Nicky Home 7,30 Paul Coyle 10,00 Mark Fornesi 2,00am Robin Banks

6.00em On Air, with Andrew
McGregor. Includes Veracini
(Overture No 1 in B flat);
Dvorak (Plano Quintet in A,
Op 61); Brahms (Tragic
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61; Cole Porter (Overture; You

S; Cole Potrer (Overtise' foot Never Know); Blow (Ode on the Death of Mr Henry Purcell) 9,00 Morning Collection. Includes Strauss (Till Eulenspiegel); Tohalkovsky (July); Walton (Five Bagatelles); Beathoven (Plano Secret

bagateles); beartifyen (main Sonata in A flat, Op 26) Musical Encounters. Artists of the Week: Endelfion Quartet. Mozari (String Quartet in B flet) 10.04 Sterndate Regnett (Corne I lies with Me); Weir (Blond Eckbert: Prelude to Act 2); Schubert (Notturno in E flar); Stricker (Cantata: O tenero amor); Bach (Goldberg Variations 1-15, BVW 988) 11.41 Delius (Arabesque);

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11.41 Delius (Arabesque):
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12.00 Composer Of the Week:
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1.00pm Castalian Band, Music by
the two Scarlattis, Two
cantatas from Alessandro and
two sonatas from Domenico
1.50 The BBC Orchestras, BBC
Symphony Orchestras, under
Andrew Davis Takemitzu
(Towards the Sea), Mozart
(Plano Concerto No 27 in B
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(Pastoral Symphony, No 3)
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RADIO 3 Pepae Marcelli); Buonamente Sonata a 6; Canzona a 6); Deo: O Jesu mi dulcissime) Castello (Sonata duodecin Gabrielli (Canzona à 6): Christe, adoramus (e), Gabrieli (Exaudi me Domine,

Magnifical) 5.00 The Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson 5.15 to Tune. Mussorgaky (Scherzo in 8 flati); Palestrina

(Nunc Dimittis), Mozart (Sonata in B liai, K333); Ravel (La Valse)
7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra
American Tour. A concert

given last October at the State Theatre in New Brunswick, New Jersay, under Andrew Davis Berlioz (Overture: Le Corsaire): Shostakovich (Viotin Concerto No1): Defius (Brigg Fair): Bartok (Suite: The Miraculous Mandarin) 9.20 in Translation. A Sensitive

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9.45 Ensemble Gilles Binchols.
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An evoloration of the musical ide of 13th-century Pars
10.45 Night Wave. Richard Coles visits Allaria and take to different communities about the impact of the Olympics and its likely legacy.
11.30 Composer of the Week: Frankel ir)
12.30am Jazz Notes. Campbell Bumap continues his look at Louis Amstrong
1.00 Through the Night. See Choice.

#### RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing incl Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today incl 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross 0171-580 4444
10.00 News; Tales from the Back of Beyond (FM only), Maggie Watson presents a feature on Kernya's manne parks, whose diversity of the depends on preserving the coral reots (5/5)
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11.30 Medicine Now, with Geoff Watts
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesloy Riddoch
12.25pm Quote... Unquote. With Nigel Rees. Kit Hesketh-Harvoy. Denis Norden, Sandi Toksvig and Polly Toynbee 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Therty Minuse
Theatre: Sad, by Shelia Golff With Shelia Hancock. Alice Amold and Seon Baker
2.30 Shriking Cherds, in the last in the series Sarah Ward talks to jazz vocakel Clawe Martin. Jamaican composer Eleanor Alberga and tolk-rock guitarist Richard Thompson
3.00 The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan reads Nik

Paul Vaughan reads Nik Cohn's novel Need, set in New York on the brink of the apocalynce

4.45 Short Story. The Woman Who Married Clark Gable, by Sean O'Faolain A Dublin housewile becomes romantically inspired by the celebrated film star. Read by

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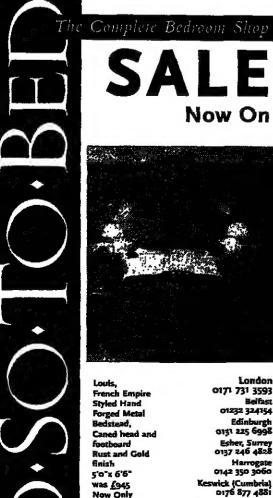
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11.30 Knowing Their Place (FM only). In the last programme of the scress on the history of child rearing Rosalind Miles looks at how children of the past spent their free time (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW only)

only) 12.00 News incl 12.27am approx 12.30 The Late Book, The Comfort of Strangers, by lan McEwan (7/7) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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### Edwards begins difficult voyage to discover backing

racy Edwards could hardly stop smiling. It was less than an hour since the giant white catamaran, until recently known as ENZA New Zealand, had quietly nosed her way into Falmouth harbour, in-bound from Fort Lauderdale, and the trip - her first on the Nigel Irens-designed 92-footer -

had impressed her no end. The diminutive former skipper of the all-female Whitbread Round The World vacht. Maiden, crouched under the hood of the main cockpit dwarfed by the 103ft carbon mast, to protect herself from the rain of a Cornish summer. That was absolutely the best sail I ever had in my life," she said. "It's a completely different way of sailing to monohulls and you from scratch again. The boat

is unbelievably powerful." The delivery trip for the another all-female crew hope to break the Jules Verne record for the fastest circumnavigation of the globe, had taken Edwards and her crew. which included Ed Danby and Paul Standbridge, just 112 days with the great cat

averaging 13.4 knots over approximately 3.500 miles. The trip, which was com-pleted at the weekend, is the first step in Edwards's campaign, which now begins in earnest. Having bought the yacht in San Diego for £320,000, it will now undergo a two-month refit at Carbospars in Hamble before she and her crew begin training for their record attempt.

which they hope to start in

Edward Gorman on

the preparations

for a unique world record attempt

January. In the meantime. Edwards is interviewing for crew. which will be made up of eight leading female sailors, and will continue her search for a big title sponsor. who will put up between £1 and £2 million to pay for the preparations and running of

the campaign Given that Edwards is one of the few household names in yachting and will again sail with an all-female crew, she knows that she has a good chance, but the sponsorship trail has been difficult. "It's been tough as usual but, as everyone keeps pointing out

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to me. if it was easy, everyone would do it," she said. She

feels determined that a leading British company should be involved. "I think it's about time a British company spon-sored a major British maritime achievement." The main objective will be

to break the record held by Sir Peter Blake and Sir Robin Knox-Johnston, who took ENZA round the world in 74 days, 22 hours and 17 minutes, finishing in April 1994. It will be an incredible achievement if Edwards betters that, but, even if she does not, she will aim for 30 days and the voyage will be the first time an all-female crew will have attempted a non-stop circumnavigation speed record in a multihull.

anby, who has clocked up more than 20,000 miles on the boat since taking part in the Knox-Johnston voyage and who now becomes project manager to the Edwards campaign, said the cat has no significant structural defects. The refit will concentrate on ing all the rigging, sails and the instrumentation.

Edwards has done ver little sailing since her 1989-90 Whitbread campaign and knows she is going to need some very good sailors to handle the catamaran. "It doesn't frighten me because I've learnt on this trip how to control the boat," she said, "but it reinforces my belief that we are going to need very good helmswomen. Everybody's going to have to helm. There will be no room for passengers."

his sentence. Hall. 26, was sent off in a second division match against Hunslet nine days ago. In issuing an unusually severe penalty, the committee took

and 1994 for similar offences and said it had a duty to protect other players. Hall's description of the incident. Bramley view his sus-pension, until September 30, 1997, as victimisation of the club. "The players feel Dean's suspension is totally unjustified and that, had he been a player from a higher division, his punishment would not have been anything like as harsh," Jeff Wine, the Bramley

chairman, said. sion on Denis Betts, the Auck land and Great Britain forward. Betts had denied dangerous throw in a twoman tackle on Steve Georgallis, of Sydney Wests. Meanwhile, Ken Arthurson is stepping down after 13 years as the ARL chairman.

new boat's performance مكذا سالاصل

# Mighty strange behaviour, way out west

y senses told me that something was wrong. For the first night after the footie, it was quiet, too quiet. What, for instance, was a miniseries featuring half of Hollywood doing on little of Channel 4? By 11 o'clock, however, the secret was out. Buffalo Girls (Channel 4) was

Now this was something of a disappointment, as I had been looking forward for some time to a buckskin-clad Anjelica Huston cracking her bullwhip. "Let's drink to my ba-zooms," she cried out from the much-repeated trailers. "Oh gladly, Ms Anjelica," I'd reply, making a mental note to add sipping bourbon to my shopping

But I ought to have known better. People just don't go round saying "let's drink to my ba-zooms", just as you won't hear "you always seem to be looking out for me. No Ears" very often either.

But that was everyday chit-chat compared with some of what passed for dialogue last night.

My personal nominations for Worst Line in a Mini-series are "even a broken-down, old builwhacker is bener than no mother at all" closely followed by this gem, relating to a revolutionary, if rather eccentric, scheme to repopulate the Rockies with wild beaver: We could buy a few pairs, let them loose in the high creeks, where they would procreate, proliferate and be plentiful again." I don't know how Jack Palance managed to keep a straight face.

Huston was Calamity Jane, who in between cracking whips and shooting people, found time to be ravished by Wild Bill Hickok and give birth to a daughter who was promptly adopted. It was the news that the woman who had adopted her daughter had died that sent her into "broken-down, old bullwhacker" mode last night and which gets her to England in time for tonight's concluding instal-

With America now consumed with guilt about the style in which the West was "won". Buffalo Girls was heavy with the scent of revisionism. General Custer was reduced to a ride-on part as an arrogant fool; Buffalo Bill expressed his regrets about killing so many buffalo and Wild Bill Hickok said he was sorry for being so wild. Or rather he would have done if he hadn't been shot dead midway through the second reel.

But I got a little of feeling that everything's going to work out all right in the end. Consider what happened to our girl when she got stuck in a blizzard. She lost her dog, she fell off her horse and as the snow piled up around her all seemed lost.
Then who should come along
but No Ears (Floyd Red Crow REVIEW



Westerman) who picked her up and carried her off to the hotel run by her best friend, Dora (Melanie Griffith). Two minutes later - and I kid you not - Calamity's horse knocked on the front door. Five minutes later, there was another knock. By this stage. I wouldn't have been at all surprised if her ba-200ms had sauntered in [Hi Mom, we're home, gee weren't it cold last night") but it turned out to be her short-lost dog. I scribbled a change to my shopping list -

and the contract of the contra

By its title, World in Action: Cowboy Country (ITV) looked just the job as a curtain-raiser for Buffalo Girls. But it quickly became apparent that the Wild West analogy was simply a means to a soundbite for Brian Wilson, Labour's transport spokesman. This, he declared, was frontier capitalism" where "winner takes all" and the rule is "kill or be killed". What Wilson was talking about

was Stagecoach, the private-sector coach company. Ask anyone who keeps half an eye on the financial pages what they know about Stagecoach and they will tell you three things: that it is hugely successful, that it has made Brian Souter and Ann Gloag, the brother and sister who run it, extremely rich and that it has a rather questionable reputation. Not surprisingly, World in Action concentrated on the last. In doing so it broke little in the.

way of new ground, but the power and immediacy of television pictures (even pictures of buses) breathed energetic new life into an old story. From up and down the country came local footage of white, unmarked buses plying for customers in competition with established local firms. But there is competition and competition, as Sir Bob Reid, a former chairman of British Rail, explained. One per cent, 2 per cent, 3 per cent below: that was competition. But free buses, allegedly a favourite Stagecoach tactic: that was preda-

The programme also exam-ined the amounts of public money that the company receives, although this section was rather too dependent on the contribution of the Labour transport

spokesman for the directors to lose much sleep. Selling off assets for more than you paid for them may be reprehensible in his eyes, but to many others it is simply good business.

The latest public money that the company has received is an annual subsidy of £54 million to run South West Trains. What, I wonder. would Hatley branch line do with £54 million? Well. hopefully make a much better sit-com than Oh, Dr Beeching! (BBC1).

The new series began last night with a repeat of last year's pilot, reedited to take into account the fact that Paul Shane's flighty wife is now played by Julia Deakin rather than Sherrie Hewson. On its first showing I reluctantly predicted that the pilot would be back as a series "within a year". It made it -and with five weeks to spare. This year's reluctant prediction? It will probably run and run — subsidies

#### BBC1 \_\_\_\_\_

6.00am Business Breakfast (56802) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceelax) (74463) 9,00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceelax)

9.20 Prue Leith's Tricks of the Trade (r) 9.30 The Natural World (r) (Ceefax) (a)

(8788869) 10,20 FILM: Leave All Fair (1985) starring John Gielgud, Jane Birkin and Feodor Atkine. Directed by John ReidThe later life of John Middleton Murry, husband of Katherine Mansfield (Ceefso) (22179579)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2814395)

12.05pm Going for Gold (s) (7744395) 12.30 For the Love of 1(36670444) 12.35 Neighbours (Ceetax) (s) (9398531) 1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (77550) 1.30 Regional News and weather (12916531)

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1.40 Wimbledon 96. Desmond Lynam introduces live coverage of the ladles' singles quarter-finals (s) (94132647)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (370956) 6.00 News (Caetax) and weather (27) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (79)

7.00 The Good Food Show. Racipe ideas and investigative reports presented by Juliet Morris, Pete McCarthy and Will Hanrahan. This week features simple suppers and puddings, and British char Akistair Little offers a fish recipe and to celebrate National Pub Week, Pele McCartiny goes on a pub grub craw, reporting on the revolution in traditional

"pub grub" (Caetax) (s) (9869) 7.30 EastEnders. There is something in the post for Bianca, and unexpected news reaches the Fowlers when Pauline returns from her trip to America. Ruth womes that Kathy and Phil behave awkwardly when she tries to visit beby Ben (Ceelad) (s).

8.00 Deven to Dusic The Chimpanzees of Gombe

(Ceeiax) (s) (5289) 8.30 Goodnight Sweetheart. Gary's fictional job with Ron may cover his trips back in time to 1941, but it's not much help when both Yvonne and Phoebe expect him for dinner on the same evening (r) (Ceels)

9.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6734)

9.30 Law Women: The Detective.

A profile of extraordinary women who have made it to the top in the tough world of law enforcement (Ceetax) (s) (866463)

10,20 Today at Wimbledon. Sue Barker introduces highlights of ladies' quarter-finals day from the All England Club (Ceelax) (s) (3835650)

11.25 False Arrest. The concluding part of a woman's fight to prove her innocence. After a mild heart attack has placed her husband in hospital, Joyce begins to suspect her spouse's involvement in the ath of his partner With Donna Mills, Robert Wagner, Steven Bauer, Lane Smith, Dennis Christopher and Lewis van Bergen (r) (Ceelax) (s) (617647)

12.55am Weather (5129883)

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6.00am Open University: A Matter of Geometry (6496395) 6.25 Social Work in the Inner City (6475802) 6.50 Interpreting Sediments (8920111) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (Costax and

signing) (4669550) 7.30 Smurts' Advantures (9614598) 7.35 Blue Peter (r) (Coelax) (s) (5437937) 8.20 Postman Pat (r) (6867227) 8.35 The Record (6304550)

9.00 Yesterday at Wimbledon (87260)

10.00 Playdays (r) (6096531) 10.25 The Addama Family (b/w) (r) (5912821) 10.50 The Fugitive (b/w) (r) (6572395) 11.45 Postman Pat (r) (1905579) 12,00 Wimbledon 96. Desmond Lynam and Sue Barker team up for live coverage of the ladies' singles quarter finals (675840)

3.00pm News (Caefax) regional news and weather (9806550) 3.05 Westminster with Nick Ross (6793444)

3.55 News (Ceetax) (2344444) 4.00 Cartoon (7990482) 4.05 Dennis the Menace (2353192) 4.30 Ocean Odys-sey (76) 5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (8277647) 5.10 Activ-8 (7636802)

5.35 Wimbledon 96, Desmond Lynam and Sue Barker with more coverage of the championships on a day teaturing the ledies' singles quarter-finals(75141550)

8.30 Tractics. The guide to the countryside includes a look at finding truffles, a report on a mountain trail used by highway postmen in the last century, a feature on climbing, and 101 uses for a pine tree (Ceafax) (5666) 9.00 Murder One: Chapter Eighteen. Neil

Avedon's estranged mother testifies on her son's behalf. The prosecution offers to cut a deal. Appleton's secret business dealings with Cross jeopardise her job, and Grasso takes time off work when her husband dies of a heart ettack (Ceefax) 9.45 Situation Vacant: The Royal Marines

Officer. A look at the grueling process by which young men are chosen to become officers in the Royal Marines. Two out of three applicants fall within the first hour of the dreaded gym fasts, a punishing etc-day commando selection process (r) (Ceefax) (a) (136734) Followed by Video Nation Shorts

10.30 Newsnight (Cestax) (444685)



Catherine Bennett (11.15pm)

11.15 Strange Days. Journalist Catherine Bennett examines the growth of psychotherapy (470260) 11.50 Close Up. The film director Alex Cox chooses a scene from the classic monster movie King Kong (r) (s) (r) (a)

12.00 The Michight Hour with Lasley Riddoch. Political chat show (28135) 12.30am-5.00 The Learning Zone

#### CHOICE Dawn to Dusk: The Chimpanzees of

Gombe BBC1, 8.00pm

For this new African wildlife series, photographer and writer Jonathan Scott says he wanted to get away from the kind of polished animal film that has taken months polished animal film that has taken months or years to complete. "I wanted to convey the impression of what it's actually like to be in a remote part of Africa looking for wild unimals in the course of a single day" he says. Happily this does not seem to mean that we accompany him in hours of tedious waiting. Wild chimponzees are supposed to be incredibly shy but with the disconcertingly beautiful zoologist Charloue Uhlenbroek as his guide, Scott has a ringside view. From suprise to sunset, we see the view. From sunrise to sunset, we see the chimps' routine from quiet moments of grooming to aggressive displays of strength. Scott, who arrived in Africa 20 years ago, confesses that until now he has never appreciated the primates' allure.

TTV, 8.30pm

From writer Steven Moffat and producer Sandra Hastie, the team behind Press Gang. comes a promising contedy pilot starring Robert Lindsay as Norman, a middle manager with a talent for saying the wrong thing then digging himself a little deeper into the hole. In today's programme a huge misunderstanding leads him to strip naked and lie on top of his female boss's deak. When he realises his mistake he is able to scramble away before she sees him but also before he has had time to rescue his suit. As he crawls naked round the office, he wonders he craws naked round the office, he wonders just how he will be able to give an important speech that afternoon. The farcical plot degenerates but there are some good characters here including Isla Blair as the frosty boss and Rebecca Front from Knowing Me Knowing You as Norman's endearingly candid secretary.

Law Women: The Detective BBC1, 9.30pm

An engrossing new series follows three women with high profile careers in the criminal justice system. Today's programme begins as the relatilessly cheery Detective Inspector Sue Hill is responding to a 1.00am phone call about a rape case. At 34, Hill is fust back from maternity leave and having to get used to closing the door on her threeyear-old son and ten-month-old daughter.

My little girl was up at two o'clock in the night teething and I was up for work at 5.30, so yeah, it's quite exhausting really" she admits. The cameras concentrate on her work with a particularly tragic rape victim, even filming the moment when Hill arrests the accused.

Strange Days BBC2, 11.15pm

In the final part of her no-nonsense series decrying today's superstitious attitudes, journalist Catherine Bennett launches a blistering attack on psychotherapists. Although anybody can set themselves up in the job, therapists are more revered than priests, she complains. We listen when they tell us that satanic abuse exists and even when they claim that we have "forgotten" how we were molested by our parents. Bennett dismisses the psychological notion of "repression" and conducts a moving interview with the traumatised parents of young woman who has accused them of making her childhood a misery. Joe and Sheila Skitt have been unable to get through to their daughter ever since she went into SATELLITE AND CABLE

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6.00em GMTV (1864685) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (Teletext) (s) (6127734)

9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (6013208) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (3687840) 10,35 This Morning (68937983)

12,20pm Regional News (r) (2810579) 12.30 News and weather (r) (9324956) 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (9309647) 1.25 High Road (Teletex) (5552753) 2.00 Home and Away (Teletex) (s) (61292192) 2.25 Murder, She Wrote (r)

3.20 News (Teletext) (9813840)

3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (9812111) 3.30 The Magic House (r) (s) (3094208) 3.40 Tots TV (r) (s) (1759734) 3.50 Sylvester Tots TV (r) (s) (1759734) 3.50 Sylvester and Tweety (r) (3098024) 4.05 Budgis the Little Helicopter (r) (s) (7977531) 4.15 Transylvania Pet Shop (Teletext) (s) (5391647) 4.40 Finders Keepers (Teletext) (s) (2974840)

5.10 The Dressing Up Show. Two woman who have lost a lot of weight ask for advice on finding clothes to suit their new silmmer image (7173111)

5.40 News and weather (Teletaxt) (896579) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teleted) (s)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (527314) 7.00 Emmerdale. Alan Turner is forced to take action against Jan (Teletext) (s) (4937) 7.30 Secrets of the Levels: The Zoy Lands. Photographer Chris Chapman explores the Somerset Levels (Taletext) (31)

8,00 The Bill, Jarvis and Keane are called to deal with a boy in possession of a pensioner's prescription (Teletaxt) (3685)



Blair and Lindsay (8.30pm)

The Office. Pilot episode of a sit-com about the modern workplace. Starring Robert Lindsay and isia Blair (Teletext) (s) (2192) 9.00 Shattered Promises (Part 1). The true

story of a murder investigation involving the Chicago Mafia. With Brian Dennehy and Treat Williams (Teletext) (s) (1173) 10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (80685) 10.30 Regional News (Teletext)

10.49 Stattered Promises (Part 1 Continued) (Teletext) (s) (437395) 11.25 Bodies of Evidence (r) (519598)

12.20 FILM: The Man In the Wilderness (1971) starring Richard Harris, John Huston and Henry Wilcoxon. In 1820 a group of men set out to explore the mauled by a grizzly bear, and is left for dead by the group's leader. Amazingly he manages to survive to plot his revenge. Directed by Richard C Sarafin (404609)

2.15 Late & Loud (s) (992680) 3.15 The Chart Show (r) (s) (3989661) 4.10 Murder, She Wrote (r) (s) (6089883) 5.00 Special Report (48845) 5.30 Morning News (16390)

#### 5.10pm-5.40 Yan Can Cook (7173111) 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (\$27314)

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7,30-8.00 Time Out (31)

As HTV West except: 12.25-12.30 My Story (2828598) 12.55 Emmerdale (9309647) 1,25-1,55 Cross Wits (61152208) 1.55 Home and Away (92448376)

2.25 Ltz Earle's Lifestyle (61202579) 2,55-3.20 A Country Prectice (7973685) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7173111) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (92918)

11.25 Prisoner Cell Block H (519598) CENTRAL

7.30-8.00 Animal Passions (31)

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12.55 Home and Away (9309647) 1.25 Cross Wits (61152206) 1.55 A Country Practice (79064005) 2.20 Ltz Earle's Litestyle (61203208)

2.50-3.20 Simply Delicious in France and Italy (9091482) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street. Soop set in

suburban New Zealand (7173111) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather

7.30-8.00 Millionaires (31) 11.25 Film: Cisss (530192) 1.15em Late & Loud (918628)

2.15 Funny Business (3922425) 2.50 The Good Sex Guide ... Late (3640512) 3.50 The Big Match - Replayed (9470390)

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5.10 Home and Away (7173111) 5,37-5.40 Three Minutes - Making It Happen (525014) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (95)

6,30-7.00 Take 7 (47) 7,30-8.00 Serve You Flight Live (31) 11.25 Prisoner Cell Block H (519598)

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5.30am Chicken Minute (r) (30531)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (67173) 9.00 FiLM: I Thank You (1941, b/w), A vintage British comedy starring Arthur Askey and directed by Marcel Varnel (82314)

10.30 FiLM: Boys Will Se Boys (1935, b/w) starring Will Hey and Gordon Harker A comedy about a prison teacher who uses torged papers to obtain a school head-mastership. Directed by William Beaudine (7639363)

11.55 Tebaldo's Airs (2265550) 12.00 House to House (87598) 12.30pm Waterways (r) (15869)

1.00 Sesame Street (1) (2404685) 1.55 Forty Million People (b/w). The virtues of good health (92444918)

2.25 FILM: Conflict (1945, b/w). Thriller starring Humphrey Bogart, directed by Curtis Bernhardt (Téletext) (802444) 4.00 Backdata (Teleted) (s) (60) 4.30 Countdown (Teleted) (s) (44) 5.00 Ricki Lake (Teleted) (s) (5263955) 5.45 Terrytoons (160866)

6.00 Blossom (367043) 6.25 Tour De France (525956)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (852889) 7,55 The Slot (962192)

8.03 Human Jungle. The last programme of the series on how the human race has adapted to life in urban environments looks at how we obey the unwritten rules of the city (Teletext) (a) (1227)



Consiving Karen Drury (8.30pm)

8.30 Brookside. What type of game is Susannah (Karen Drury) playing with Sammy? (Teletaxt) (a) (4014)

9.00 Buffalo Girls. The concluding part of the story set during the last great days of the Wild West, Buffalo Bill Cody Invites Calemity Jene to join Annie Oaldey and Chief Sitting Bull in his Wild West show, which is heading for Queen Victoria's Jubiles calebrations in London, Starring Peter Coyote, Reba McEntire, Meane, Anjelica Huston and Griffith (Teletext) (a) (23008869)

10.50 Alan Bleesdale Presents: Blood on story of four Merseyside achool-leavers and their fight to find their identities in an adult world. Starring Stephen Walters, Suzanne Meddock, Philip Dowd, Rachel Caldwell, Aneirin Hughes and Jake Abraham (r). (Teletext) (s) (78473192)

12.35am But ... Seriously. A documentary combining historical news footage with vintage comedy performances. Among those appearing are Robin Williams, Whoopi Goldberg and Richard Pryor (r)

2.15 FILM: Ask Me Again (1989). A madefor-television romantic comedy staming Lestile Hope, Cynthia Harris and Robert Bruce. Directed by Deborah Reinlsch

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7.00am Undun (29837) 9.00 Press Your Luck [1490918] 9.20 Love Connector (3017840) 9.45 Oprah Wintray (9794043) 10.40 Jeopardy (6832208) 11.10 Saly Jessy Raphael (1865192) 12.00 Sightings (13096) 12.30pm Murphy Brown (3547) 1.00 Hotel (23502) 2.00 Geraldo (84376) 3.00 Court TV (6374) 3.30 Cyrah Wintray (5812366) 4.15 Undun (4545566) 5.00 Depton Land (6565 8.00 Socreto Predict (5812366) 4.15 Undun (4919500) auc Quantum Leap (7666) 8.00 Space Precind (43665) 7.00 Spettound (8395) 7.30 M\*A\*S\*H (7753) 8.00 Jag (93685) 9.00 The X-Fies (73621) 10.00 Quantum Leap (83206) 11.00 Highlander (94963) 12.00 Late Show with David Laterman (1566406) 12.45aon Return to Lonescome Dove (5005777) 1.30 The Edga (70311) 2.90 Hit Mit Lone Davi (7374970) Mix Long Play (2074970)

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News (18203) 1.30 Tonight with Adam
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8.00am Bigger Than Life (1956) (81260) 8.00 All These Women (1964) (80276) 10.00 Prelude to a Kiss (1992) (39463) 12.00 All Hands on Dack (1961) (98579) 12.00 All Hands on Dack (1961) [98579] 2.00pm Snoopy, Come Home (1972) [67280] 4.00 Black Gold (1963) [2566] 6.00 Prelude to a Kiss (1962) [87024] 8.00 Gerdnime: An American Legend (1984) [99869] 10.00 The Pelican Brid (1993) [90002260] 12.20mm Bridinscan (1994) [868970] 1.55 Pessa (1993) [462067] 3.40 PCU (1894) [76547406] SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 Sergeant York (1941) (77794173) 2.15pm Bachelor Mother (1939) (989837) 3.45 National Velvet (1944)

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(1442840) (10302531) 3.25 Quack Allack (103216)

7.30am Motorcycling (33918) 9.00 Cycling (96956) 10.00 Golf (71314) 11.00 Speedworld (51550) 12.00 Othroad (93550)

(36566) 4.30 Olympic Games (1376) 5.00 Boxing (8550) 6.00 Truck Recing (99734) 7.00 Footbell (43531) 9.00 Cycling (37043) 10.00 Snooter (67444) 11.30-12.30em SKY SPORTS

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SKY SPORTS GOLD 10,00pm FA Cup Classica: The Seventies Collection — Manchester Utd V (5897314) 11,30 The Golden Aga of Motor Racing (8615395) 12.30-1.00mm Golden Arrows: THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.15 Kidz TV 4.30 Jack Van Impe Presents 5.00 Volca of Victory with Kenneth and Glore Copetand 5.30 Christian Music TV 5.45 Chronicles of Perival with Rodney Howard-Browne 6.15 Power for Living with Colin Dye 6.45-7.00 Good Moming Europe SKY SOAP 7.00em Guiding Light (3636560) 7.56 As the World Turns (4424918) 8.50 Peyton Place (9915802) 8.20 Deys of Our Lives

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THE HISTORY CHANNEL

9.00mm Painting (\$284531) 9.30 Grow Your Own (\$984847) 10.00 Next Stuff (\$970937) 10.30 This Old House with Store and Nors (\$213043) 11.30 House Style (10\$1821) 11.30 Room Senna (10\$2550) 12.00 Julia Child (5204395) 12,30pm Frugal Gournet (8988463) 1,00 Meals in Minutes (1877889) (38/03403) 1,00 Me8is in Marutes (18/7889) 1,30 Home Agan with 800 Vita (9987734) 2,00 Cur House (6860983) 2,30 Garden Club (3787395) 3,00 Two's Country (3900689) 3,30-4,00 This Old House

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6,00am Swen's Crossing (36596) 6,30 The Gai from Tornorow (14802) 7,80 Ready of Not (53289) 7,30 California Dreams (65024)

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DISCOVERY 4.00pm Deep Probe Expeditors (1082173) 1.05/17/3 | 3.00 Time Tracellers (8950163) 5.30 Time Tracellers (8950163) 5.30 Linessica (3781111) 6.00 Beyond 2000 (899562) 7.00 Wild Trings Deadly Australians (8855519) 7.30 Mystenes, Magic and Myscies (3766260) 8.00 Equista Corposa. Miracias (3768250) 8,000 Exquasia Corpeas.
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# Henman gives no quarter to end long wait

TIM HENMAN swept to the quarter-finals of the men's singles at Wimbledon yesterday, keeping his concentration despite four interruptions for rain, and raising the status of British tennis to new heights. In a match punctuated with outstanding winners, he defeated Magnus Gustafsson in straight sets. 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, becoming the first Briton to reach the last eight since Roger Taylor in 1973.

Here was another supreme display of assurance by the 2l-year-old from Oxford. Repeat-edly, his match temperament on key points brought the spectators to their feet, hitting a range of perfectly-judged shots from all parts of the court. It was a thankless task for his opponent never mind that he is ranked 25 places above Henman at No 37.

There were times when Gustafsson's forehand return of service halted his young rival, leaving the Centre Court crowd with heart in mouth: notably when Henman served for the match leading 6-5 in the third set, only to make his first series of misjudgments of the match. He surrendered that service to go 6-6 but then splendidly redeemed himself by taking the tie-break, and thus the match, by seven points to four, taking another stride in the finest tournament

he has yet played. Praise for Henman comes from all quarters. Budge Patty, champion of the Fifties, said yesterday: "Henman has all the strokes, he looks very competent." Stan Smith called him "a genuine talent", while tralian left-hander said: "If he keeps working like he has in the past 12 months, who

knows what he can do." The weather has been relentless in the way it has disrupted Henman's play over

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the two weeks. When the two players returned on court at 6.20pm for the fifth time, they had at that stage played a bare 40 minutes. Twice, including their first attempt at play. there had not been a point scored, twice they had played briefly, only to be halted. When rain sent them back to the dressing-room for the

In Arantxa's court

another hour and ten minutes, the score stood at 6-5 to Henman in the first set.

Back they came, Gustafsson levelling the score. With that old Davis Cup warrior Billy Knight, sitting in the players box beside Henman's parents. he clinically took the tie-break: an ace on first and last point and a blistering forehand deep to Gustafsson's backhand to gain a vital 5-1 lead.

Gustafsson broke service for 2-0, and led 3-1 in the second set. In the next game, Henman gained break point with a singeing backhand pass, but could not exploit it. A deep service return gave him with a diving full length stopvolley worthy of Becker at his

Now the sun shone at last, Henman served to 3-3, and took the set with another

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Gustafsson led 5-3 in the third set, and now Henman superb games, breaking ser-vice, saw him lead 6-5, and though there was then a momentary faltering, his ser-vice throw out of synchronisation, he continued the euphoria of this British summer of sport.

While spectators spent most of the afternoon taking cover from the rain, the unfortunate Martina Hingis needed protection from Steffi Graf. There was not any to be had, given Graf's mood, intent on revenge for the defeat which the 15-year-old prodigy had inflict-ed on her at the Italian Open earlier in the season. Graf is something of an enigma. She can seem the gentlest and most sensitive of souls. When she means business out on the

tennis court, however, beware. She raced through the first set in no time at all, 6-1, and hard though Hingis tried to pin her down at the back of the court by constantly playing to Graf's backhand, it could only delay the outcome

At times, as Graf's forehand thundered past her on both flanks, Hingis was reduced to a smile of resignation. Not that she wants to wait. I am sure, but her time will come. As Graf said afterwards. when questioned on the future of her talented opponent, and whether she sensed a developing rivalry in the years ahead:
"I've mentioned so many times that she's got really a lot of talent, even if grass isn't her favourite surface. From the way she has been trying in the has improved, there's definitely a chance in the near future she'll be getting closer to the

How urgently that is needed. The top five so much of the time go almost unchallenged. Graf was curtly dismissive of the allegation made over the weekend by Martina Navratilova, that her injuries were a fake. "She's lucky she doesn't have to live them," Graf said.

top five."



Goran Ivanisevic plays a forehand return to Patrick Rafter during their fourth round meeting yesterday

"Malcolm Arnold twisted my

arm last night," he said. Jus

like Ron Roddan, his personal

coach, has been doing for

some time. "Every time I go to

retire, he says 'One more year,

one more year. "Christie said,

But this year, he was ada-

mant, is most certainly his last

no," he said. "Sometimes you

push your luck. This year, !

believe the reason I am per-

forming so well is because

had it in mind I was not going to go. I have been left alone

and able to enjoy athletics.

Next year. I am going back to

club athletics because it is

enjoyable to run small meets

Just as Steve Backley's first

javelin throws of the season, in

his comeback from injury on Sunday, will have had an

unsettling effect on the world

leaders, so will Christie's an-

nouncement on the top sprint-

ers, though only Ato Boldon, of Trinidad, who said he thought Christie would not

compete, will be surprised. "I

believe that, in the back of

their minds, they were hoping I was not going to go," Christic

Many athletes of Christie's

status will be staying in Atlan-ta's luxury hotels during the

Games, but he will reside in

the competitors' village. "I do not go for the superstar treat-

He would rather be calling

for team effort than room service. Around the circuit.

Christie has not always con-

ducted himself like the perfect

guest, but his spirit, profes-

sionalism and resilience on

the track will be missed when

ment," he said.

without any pressure."

on the international circuit. Would victory an Atlanta not tempt him to stay? "No.

#### Kelly urges FA to enter bid for **World Cup** of 2006

By JOHN GOODBODY

ENGLAND is preparing to bid to stage the 2006 World Cup finals. After the success of the European championship, the Football Association wants to host the 32-nation tournament for the first time since 1966. Graham Kelly, the FA's chief

executive, said yesterday: "This is the logical next step. Nobody can question any longer England's ability to stage the biggest sports events in the world." Kelly is to urge the FA to make an official bid to match one being presented by Germany, who last staged the tournament in 1974. He has the backing of the Government, which is prepared to use National Lottery money to help improve the nine or ten stadiums needed for the

Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary, told the House of Commons yesterday that ministers would sup-port the FA "in every way possible". She praised the "phenomenal success" of Euro 96, which was attended by more

Bierhoff in tune

than 1.3 million spectators and watched on television by an estimated six billion people worldwide. She said: "To have the World Cup would be a

The FA is already considering whether it should make a joint-bid with the Scottish FA to co-host the competition. The 2000 European championship will be jointly staged by Holland and Belgium and the 2002 World Cup by Japan and South Korea. Glen Kirton, tournament director of Euro 96, said: "We will discuss it with our potential partners."

England agreed to withdraw its application to stage will be held in France, in order to secure support for its candidature for Euro 96. A tournament in 2006 would also be able to use the new national stadium, whose location will be settled in the autumn. Wembley and Manchester are the two candidates. It will also be possible to use Old Trafford, which, by then, could have a seated capacity of more than 60,000. The decision will be made in 2000.

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#### BY DAVID POWELL within 0.02sec of Donovan Bailey and Bruny Surin, the ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT first two home at the 1995 LAST YEAR, Linford Christie world championships, he can

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Christie goes into extra time in attempt to secure golden goal

limped out of the world athletics championships with a torn hamstring. Now he is going to the Olympic Games with a twisted arm. In the end, there were too many forces working on Christie for him to see through his threat not to compete in Atlanta. Armtwisting by Malcolm Arnold, Britain's head coach, was but one of them.

The list of reasons for his decision, which he announced at a press conference in London yesterday, was almost as a long as a print-out of his championship victories: duty to his country; public demand; the belief he can retain his 100 metres title: persuasion from his coach: encouragement from Frankie Fredericks, the Olympic medal-winning sprinter from Namibia with whom he trains: the temptation of one last fling; and,

would you believe. Euro 96. "It made me feel proud to be British." Christic said, recalling how he had watched England's semi-final against Germany. His decision, he said, was not reached until Sunday, after much agonising and taking many factors into account. It had nothing to do, he insisted, with commerical

incentives. It would be comforting for British athletics to think that a Christie victory in Atlanta is as inevitable as seemed his decision to go. Realistically, however, he has a slim chance. He is not ranked among the top ten in the world in 1996 and, at 36. is the oldest of the probable contenders by six years. As his third place in Paris last Friday indicated, when he finished still trouble the best. However, that was with a reasonable start, which used to guarantee Christie victory over anybody

except Carl Lewis. Christie's decision, though, exemplifies the man. There is not an athlete in the world over the last ten years who has worn his national vest with greater pride, none in Europe who can match his achievements. Few would risk a second successive beating on the big stage - he was sixth, carrying an injured hamstring, at the world championships in Gothenburg last year - and know the sheen on his coat would not be dulled. It would have been absurd for him not to try. Not that Christie sees him-

self as an underdog. Who did

he think was the athlete to beat? "Me," was his one-word, unequivocal, reply. He had been moved by letters from the public urging him to run and convinced by his form that he

There is room in the final only for the confident and I am very confident about my chances," he said. "I am better than four years ago, more consistent." His times so far this season bear that out.

"Age ain't nothing but a number." he said, exercising more patience than usual over a question relating to his advancing years. "Age ain't going to be a problem at all." He did, after all, defy preconceptions about age and sprint-ing when, at 32, he became the oldest winner of est winner of an Olympic 100 metres title.

Having decided to run the 100 and 200 metres, Christie also committed to the 4x 100



Christie announces his Olympic decision yesterday

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